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By Sam Irwin

Ah, the thrill of the hunt!

Every fall Louisiana hunters take to the woods and fields in a quest to fill up their hunting vests with freshly killed rabbits and squirrels.

A quick checklist of equipment: chicken necks, rabbit livers, bells, thick leather gloves, jess', portable mews...

Chicken necks? Portable mews? What in the Sam Hill?

Oh, this is not about shotguns and bird dogs. This is about the ancient art of falconry, or hunting with hawks.

Falconry. The very word conjures up images of Renaissance kings and queens on horseback galloping across the open meadow, royal banners billowing; the nobleman's hand enclosed in a thick leather glove, the scree-screescrees of a majestic falcon swooping down on an unsuspecting prey.

"Well done, King Henry."

"Excellent bird, Sire."

"Thank you, Archbishop. Now about that divorce from Catherine of Aragon ..."

The ancient sport is actually more than 4000 years old and most likely originated with the Bedouin tribes of the Middle East.



Hunting with falcons was practically a necessity for survival in the vast open plains of the Arabian Peninsula. Imagine a desert heron flying effortlessly over the endless sand dunes and away from a hungry tribe of Arab horsemen, only to be speared by the super sharp claws of the unfettered ger falcon five miles away from the perceived threat of the nomads. Because of the speed and cunning of the trained falcon, the ancient desert family ate fresh meat.

Evidence also suggests that falconry was practiced in the Far East about the same time.

The sport migrated with the Romans to England where it became the favorite pastime of every English king from Alfred the Great

(d. 899) to George III (d. 1820).

Somehow the practice traveled all the way to Greenwell Springs to the back yard of Buddy "Hawkman" Valentine, a master falconer of the first rank who has been training and hunting with hawks for more than 44 years.

There's nothing much unusual about Buddy's backyard. It's suburban and nicely shaded. He has neighbors a stone's throw away from his carport. Children play

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A hawker's life means years of commitment

By Sam Irwin

Hunting with hawks in Louisiana is not really a sport. It's more of a way of life.

Hawks need constant care and attention. Without enough human contact and training, a bird may retain its wildness and simply fly away during a hunt.

"The birds need daily care and contact," said Louisiana hawking expert Buddy Valentine of Greenwell Springs. "I spend about two hours every day working with my birds."

Valentine is a state-certified master hawker and has more than 44 years of experience with raptors.

To become a Louisiana hawker, an applicant must be licensed through the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, but it is not an easy process.

First, a novice falconer must acquire as much knowledge on his own by reading books and other literature on the care of the raptors.

Then he must apprentice under a licensed master to learn basic raptor care and handling techniques.

"It's a big commitment," said veteran falconer Jon Martin of Robert's Cove. "Basically the man I apprenticed under treated me very badly for six months trying to discourage me. After he saw I was committed, we became very good friends."

Martin says that humans often do more harm than good to hawks in captivity.

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in the yard across the street. Three six-foot poles called “high perches” are topped with padded rings and placed haphazardly across the yard. If you didn’t know they were used to train powerful raptor birds, they would remind you of a children’s game or a target for Johnny’s football.

You hardly notice the rusted pig-wire cage enclosures on the gray January day as the wire rungs seem to blend into the dark winter landscape.

What you do notice immediately is the noise; the disturbed caw-caw screeching of the seven Harris’ hawks in Buddy’s four large aviaries.

“These birds here are starting to nest.” Buddy indicates a particularly angry-looking red bird. Her wings are partially outstretched and her mouth open wide as if begging for food. But she has some food. She is clutching a raw chicken neck with her talons.

But the tone of the call is unmistakable, “Don’t take another step closer. It’d peck your eyes out if it weren’t for this fence!”

Will it keep making that sound and agitate them further if I get closer?

“Aw, it won’t bother them,” Buddy says nonchalantly. Buddy doesn’t understand that I wasn’t talking about the birds being bothered. I just wanted to make sure they didn’t get loose and swarm about my head like mythological harpies.

“I was a kid when I started,” Valentine shrugs. “I just read books, I started catching birds and training them to hunt.” He pauses. “It took a while to learn to train them.”

He says this as if he can barely remember when he was not part of the hawk’s world.

Valentine tries to soothe the ruffled

bird, insulted by my presence. He calls the hawk by name.

“J.,” he says softly. “J.B.”

The bird calms, but shrieks again as we move to the next cage.

Buddy surveys the four large cages built of wood frame and pigwire. They are 12-feet tall and 12-feet square. Several perches are provided near the top of the cage and a nesting platform is in one corner of the enclosure. Three of the pens house male/female pairs. The fourth cage holds one bird.

“That’s Schwegman.” Buddy pronounces it New Orleans-style—Schwag-man.

“All of these Harris’ hawks are captive-bred,” he explains. “Schwegman is what we call an imprint.” An imprint is a bird that has grown reliant on humans.

As I approach her cage, Schwegman flies down from her perch to the grassy floor as if to properly judge the size of her adversary, namely me.

“She’ll raise babies, but she won’t take a male,” Buddy says of Schwegman. “She’s real protective of me.” That’s obvious as the big red bird attempts to shoo me away with her belligerent squawking.

Harris’ hawks, which experienced hawkers simply pronounce as Harris hawks, are the bird of choice for a master falconer like Buddy.

“Harris’ hawks hunt in a family,” Buddy said. “This year’s fledglings will help the mama feed the babies. The males will flush out the rabbits and the mama will make the kill.”

“Harris’ hawks are called the wolves of the desert because they hunt in packs,” he added.

The wolves of the desert are cunning and skillful hunters, but generally limit their prey to rats, snakes

HAWKING’S PECKING ORDER

The European social custom, known today as the Laws of Ownership, allocated birds of prey to a rank. A man could not hawk with a bird which had been allocated to a higher rank than himself. This hierarchy seems to have evolved around the cost of the bird. Although it is not known how strictly it was adhered to, the original list, documented in the 15th Century ‘Boke of St Albans’ on hawking, hunting and coat of arms, was:

Emperor: Eagle, Vulture and Merloun
King: Ger Falcon and Tercel of the Ger Falcon
Prince: Falcon Gentle and Tercel Gentle

Duke: Falcon of the Rock
Earl: Peregrine Falcon
Baron: Bustard
Knight: Sacre and Sacret
Esquire: Lanere and Laneret
Lady: Marylon
Young Man: Hobby
Yeoman: Goshawk
Poor Man: Jercel
Priest: Sparrowhawk
Holy Water Clerk: Musket
Knave or Servant: Kestrel
<http://www.hawk-conservancy.org/histfalc.shtml>

and rabbits. But Buddy’s hawks are captive-bred and aren’t afraid of any potential prey.

“They don’t know fear,” Buddy says. “Over the years we’ve caught raccoon, fox and bobcats with them. We even caught a coyote.”

“They wouldn’t do that in the wild, I don’t believe,” he says with quite resignation. “Sometimes they don’t hunt what they’re supposed to.”

That’s why he is always sure to hunt away from residential areas and houses.

“I’ve had to buy a Pomeranian before,” he says.

But there are other pitfalls for the aggressive hunting hawk.

He points to a pair of birds in

one of the cages.

“This one hurt its leg and I had to stop hunting her,” he says. “The vet said it’s like a muscle pull.”

The hawk also must withstand the threat of puncture bite wounds from frightened prey fighting for its life.

“When you hunt a lot of squirrels, you’ll get a lot of bites,” he says. “A lot of bad bites.”

He walks over to another cage across the yard. Inside is a mated pair of kestrels, a small bird of prey.

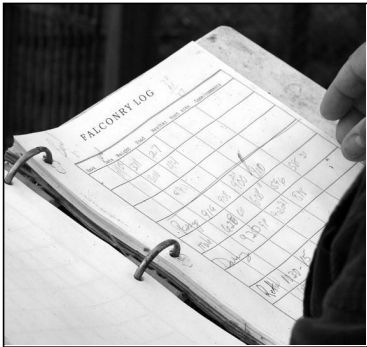
“The kestrel is really the smallest falcon,” he observes. “I’m not going to hunt these. I’m going to breed them.”

He plans on replenishing his

flock with the Harris’ hawk and kestrel offspring this year. After all, J.B. is 24-years old.

Buddy stays on top of all of the state and federal permitting requirements to raise and keep wild hawks. He has a propagation license and a master falconry permit. Achieving the master falconry designation, which is at least an eight-year process, allows Buddy to keep several birds at one time. Current state regulations require a novice to pass a raptor health and biology test and apprentice under a general falconer for more than two years. After practicing as a general falconer for five years, the falconer

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Buddy Valentine (top, left) holds a red-tail hawk with the jess during a training session. A hawk’s nest in Baton Rouge (above left, clockwise). Checking a hawk trap. A falconry log tracks the weight, weather and other data in a hawk’s training. Valentine weighs a newly-captured red-tail hawk.

Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

The annual shade tree seedling sale sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry will be held Mon., Feb. 28, through Fri., March 4, at district forestry offices throughout the state, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

In Lafayette, the sale is extended and will run from Thurs., Feb. 24, through Sat., March 5.

District forestry offices are located

in Baton Rouge, Hammond, Clinton, DeRidder, Oberlin, Woodworth, Natchitoches, Haughton, Monroe and at City Park in New Orleans. Some districts will hold sales in locations in addition to their main district office. Dates and times will vary and will be publicized locally, Odom said.

"We suggest that interested individuals look for local publicity on the sale or call the forestry office in

their area to find out exact times and places seedlings will be available," Odom said.

Two types of seedling packets will be for sale. The pine packet will contain 20 seedlings and costs \$3. The other packet will contain a total of six trees, including two baldcypress and one each of red maple, blackgum, green ash and river birch, also for \$3. Packet species content may vary in some

cases, depending on availability.

All seedlings will be year-old, bare-root seedlings. They will be available on a first-come basis and cannot be reserved in advance.

"Some years we sell out of certain species before the week is out, especially some of the hardwoods, so we encourage people to come early during the sale," Odom said.

Species are all native to Louisiana and are well suited to the

state's growing conditions. All are large trees at maturity and should be planted on sites where their limbs will not interfere with overhead utility lines or structures and their roots will not interfere with sewer lines, slab foundations, walkways or driveways as they mature.

Instructions for planting and care of the seedlings are included with the packets.

Did you know?

The Department of Agriculture and Forestry, through its marketing office, assists Louisiana agricultural and forestry products companies in getting their goods on store shelves by coordinating trade show booths, Louisiana road shows and special promotions.

This year the department's marketing officials will promote Louisiana products at 12 trade shows, seven road shows and nine company participation events in cities like San Francisco; Albuquerque, N.M.; Boston; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Chicago; New York City; Orlando, Fla.; Santiago, Chile, Miami and Houston.

At trade shows, the department helps companies line up booth space in a Louisiana-themed pavilion or section. The area is decorated using a traditional Louisiana theme, like Mardi Gras, that lets buyers know where the Louisiana companies are located. Marketing specialists with the department say having a Louisiana area really benefits the small and medium sized companies that might not get as much attention if they were scattered throughout the exhibition hall.

At Louisiana road shows, the department partners with a grocery store or supermarket to promote Louisiana products on a specific day. The store aisles feature "shelf talkers" that point out Louisiana products to shoppers. Louisiana agricultural products companies are invited to set up tables for food sampling and product demonstrations, even if their product is not usually sold in the store. Live radio remotes, door prizes and other promotional activities highlight the day.

Road shows are held at stores throughout the state and in major Texas markets.

At company participation events, the department invites companies and producer

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CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, heifers & show calves, 5502, 7499, 6171, L-Bar & Lasater bloodline, \$1000/1-up; crossbred heifers, \$600/1-up. Michael Deville, Opelousas; (337) 948-6564.

Reg. Simbrah bulls, polled, very gentle, no bad habits, 2 yr., \$1000; 3 yr., blk., \$1800. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas; (337) 543-8158.

(3) reg. Angus bulls, 2 yrs., calves to show, easy calving, \$1400-\$1600. Kerry Pinion, Maurepas; (225) 695-3789.

Reg. Red Angus bulls, 18-19 mos., top bloodline, \$1400. Jim Ortego, Carencro; (337) 278-1183.

Reg. Limousin bulls, red & blk., polled, from AI sires, great EPDs, heavy muscle, docile, yrlds. & up, \$1250/1-up. Terry Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bulls, Black Magic, Painted Tiger & other top bloodlines, good conform., ready for service, \$850/1-up. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

(5) reg. Red Angus bulls, (3) from Mr. Beef bloodline, \$1000/1; (2) from Larson Red Sky bloodline, \$1000/1. Will Sonnier, Lafayette; (337) 235-7932 or (337) 654-4498.

(2) reg. polled Hereford bulls, 3 yrs., top bloodlines, from Tennessee River Music, Inc., Fort Payne, Ala., \$1000/1. Tammy Tantillo, Albany; (225) 567-7614.

Milking short-horn cow, 3 yrs., milking short-horn heifer, 1 yr., \$1500/both. Linda Manuel, Jennings; (337) 824-8410.

(35) reg. 2 yr. Brangus heifers, all polled, w/all shots, dewormed, exposed to easy calving Angus bulls, \$52,500, will not separate.

Charles Menzina, Jonesboro; (318) 278-3453.

Reg. Char. heifers, Budsmiyad & Big Sky breeding, 11 mos., polled, brucellosis vacc., very gentle, some very fancy, all nice, \$800/1. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmiyad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. W. Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

(7) Char. bulls, 17-24 mos., reg. & stout, AI sires, Cigar, Polled Value, Traemark, \$1700/1-up. Ron or Karen Fuqua, Effie; (318) 253-9255 or (318) 240-9276.

Reg. Angus bull, 14 mos., Traveler, Fame, New Trend, easy calving, good conform., \$1200; (3) reg. Angus heifers, 1 yr., good blood, EPDs, \$1000/1-up. Sid Kinchen, Albany; (225) 567-1109.

Maine Anjou bull, super nice, blk. yrlg., performance bred, big, stout, heavy muscled, all shots & wormed, gentle, ready to breed, \$1200. Judy Wiggins, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-0309.

Hereford bulls, extra nice, performance bred, big, stout, heavy muscled, gentle yrlds., all shots & wormed, ready to breed, \$1000/1-up. Laura Hughes, Zachary; (225) 658-5348.

(9) Brahman cows, bred to blk. bull, \$1000/1. Ricky Rollins, Grayson; (318) 649-6880.

Red Brangus cow herd reduction, (40+) head, some prs., most 1/2 or 3/8 Brahman, LBW, wean., 500 lb. calves on grass, ranch raised on grass & electric fence, functional, \$900-\$1400/1 or pr. Francine Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Reg. Char. bulls, \$1500/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954 or (985) 804-2594.

Reg. polled pb Char. heifers, 7-9 mos., \$700/1-up, also 18-22 mo. bulls avail. Louis Quave, Bush, (985) 886-5557, or Peter Feringa, Covington, (985) 871-0317.

Reg. 5/8 x 3/8 Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, weaned heifers, \$800/1-up; bred heifers, \$1200/1-up; 2 yr. bulls, \$1500/1-up. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

(4) cow/calf prs., (1) wh., (2) blk., (1) Hereford, calves are blk., \$850-\$900/pr. Jerry Salisbury, West Monroe; (318) 325-6736.

3 yr. blk. Simm. bull, polled, very gentle, calves to show, \$1150/1. Norman Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6179.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 4 yrs., calves to show, \$1500; Char. bull, 2 1/2 yrs., ready for service, tested, \$1800. Scott Saizan, Port Barre; (337) 585-2269.

Blk. Angus cross heifers, 9 mos. & older, vacc., all shots up to date, \$700/1-up. S. Saizan, Port Barre; (337) 585-2269.

(5) Reg. Red Angus bulls, (3) from Mr. Beef bloodline, \$1000/1; (2) from Larson Red Sky bloodline, \$1000/1. Wil Sonnier, Lafayette; (337) 654-4498.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls & heifers, 8-9 mos., \$600/1-up. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 18 mos., \$1500. Daryl Carruth, Greensburg; (225) 222-6003.

(3) Reg. blk. Limousin bulls, 12 mos.-3+ yrs., \$1200-\$1400/1. Michael LeDoux, Rayne; (337) 334-2820.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 21-26 mos., wormed vacc. & semen tested, \$1750/1-up. R. J. Needham, Robert; (985) 345-9212.

(3) Crossbred cows, 5 yrs., bred 4-7 mos., 900 lbs., very gentle, \$2000/1. M. Bridges, Kentwood; (985) 229-3806.

Reg. polled Hereford bull, 16-26 mos., excel. EPDs, LBW, high yrlg. weight, all shots & wormed, ready to go to work, \$1200, you pick from (8). Wesley Coffman, Leesville; (337) 239-2755.

Jersey & Holstein nurse cows, some w/calves, \$800/1-up. Kurt Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-3041.

Angus bulls, 3 & 4 yrs., \$1250/1. Gary Anderson, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0980.

Reg. Angus bull, 3 yrs., very gentle, excel. calves, \$1350. L. Harris, Baton Rouge; (225) 769-2978.

Pb polled Hereford bull, born 3/15/03, very gentle, sire on site, can be used for breeding, \$700; bull calf, born 7/28/04, \$300. Harry Young, Denham Springs; (225) 665-5473 or (225) 665-2120.

(12) gray Brahman, (2) calves, horned Hereford bull, \$13,500. T. L. Warner, Sun City; (318) 453-5685.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 4 yrs., LSU test bull, calves to show, \$1800. Benny Williams, Pitkin; (318) 634-7427.

4 yr. reg. Beefmaster bull, Lasater bloodlines, light red, \$1500. Dwight Bertrand, Elton; (337) 734-2129.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 8-17 mos., \$800/1-up. Bud Gautreaux, Rayne; (337) 334-7588 or (337) 334-2043.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, top bloodlines, cert. free herd, \$1000/1-up. David Domengeaux, Carencro; (337) 668-4666 or (337) 668-4461.

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Reg. blk. Angus bulls, 14 mos.-2 yrs., \$1500/1-up. Glenn Hutto, Choudrant; (318) 376-5026.

(9) Reg. Angus bulls, 2 yrs., large framed, semen checked & ready for service, most are AI sired, \$1700/1-up. Faron Miley, Husser; (985) 878-2498 or (985) 320-0144.

(20) blk. & red baldy heifers, 500 lbs., weaned & preconditioned, \$550/1 or \$525/1 if all taken. Rene Vera, Lake Charles; (337) 526-9053.

Reg. Brangus bulls, 24 mos., \$1500/1-up. Sonny Crosby, Cut Off; (985) 632-8095.

Wanted: brown Swiss calf or heifers. Richard Moore, Deville; (318) 466-1550.

Wanted: orphan calves, any breed. Wes LeBlanc, Welsh; (337) 753-2650.

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(10) AQHA cow-bred mares, 2-10 yrs., many colors, own daughters & granddaughters of money earners, excel. pedigrees, (7) mares bred to pal. & dun stallions, all broke to ride or raise babies, \$1500-\$3000. P. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562.

Thoroughbred geld., 7 yrs., 16.1 hands, bay w/blaze HJ or CT prospect, working well on flat, needs experienced rider, no children, ready to start over fences, sound, \$2000. Hilary Stephenson, Bueche; (225) 627-4348.

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TW geld., 10 yrs., very gentle, if you can sit in the saddle you can ride this horse, smooth gait, slow fast, \$2500. Kline Daigrepoint, Lacombe; (985) 882-7278.

Reg. AQHA, '96 broodmare, in foal to pal. stallion, by Peppy's Boy 895, due in late may, all vacc. & dewormed, good using horse, \$750 or trade. Kathy Dupuy, Thibodaux; (985) 448-1212 or (985) 414-3849.

AQHA reg. QH, yrlgs. & trained geld., sire Caddo Creek Quixote, '02 world champ., very nice looking horses, \$1000-\$5000. Terry Miller, Bunkie; (318) 613-6990 or (318) 346-9280.

2003 reg. Appendix QH geld., dark golden pal., long legs, great hip, flashy English or Western prospect, \$1500. Rod Miller, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-4097.

Belgian geld., 15 yrs., pulls & works, easy to handle, \$1100. James Templet, Napoleonville; (985) 713-9539.

2003 APHA bay/wh. tobiano stallion, Stormin Norman, Dixie's War Drum & Upset Leo bloodlines, all vacc., ready to be started, unlimited potential, \$1500. Lisa Ferrier-Welch, Montgomery; (318) 646-3489 or (318) 481-1540.

2000 AQHA bay mare, Triangle Gold War & Colonel Freckles on top, Dry Doc & Doc O'Lena on bottom, goes back to King P-234 17 times, Leo 6 times & Old Sorrel 16 times, halter broke & green broke to ride, had beautiful filly in '04, ready for further training or breeding, \$1500. Johnny Steib, Lottie; (225) 637-2474.

2002 AQHA mare, Peppy San granddaughter, Doc's Blanton, 2 Bars on top, Doc's Prescription, King Oklahoma Star, Jr. & 3 Bars on bottom, halter broke & green broke to ride, very gentle, ultimate picture of the bulldog QH, will be 14.2 hands, thick, \$2000. Cindy Steib, Lottie; (225) 637-2474.

Donkeys, burrows, very gentle, good for guard or great pets, all colors, spotted, browns & grays w/cross, \$250/1-up. J. Thompson, Folsom; (985) 796-3601.

2 Yr. APHA filly, 75%, w/25% sorrel, halter broke, Doc O'Lena, Delta, Dixie Rendition, Smoking Jose & Gay Bar Dixie on paper, 14.2 hands, \$1500. E. J. Olivier, Carencro; (337) 896-6205.

13 yr. TW blood bay geld., excel. trail & hunting horse, gentle enough for older child rider, smooth gait, \$1700. Susan Van Hoof, Alexandria; (318) 776-9401 or (318) 715-9408.

7 yr. reg. APHA geld., blk. & wh., beautiful markings, 60 days plus training, \$2000. Lisa Hebert, Abbeville; (337) 652-2556, (337) 652-0341 or (337) 937-8511.

4 yr. gray Andalusian geld., bred for dressage, already standing 16+ hands, will make at least 16.1 hands, has been backed, has Grand Prix movement, imported sire & dam, \$12,000. Anna Baudoin, Denham Springs; www.baroquefarm.com or (225) 665-2186.

Caspian horses, various ages, all colors, mares & stallion, \$2000/1-up. Randy Baudoin, Denham Springs; www.baroquefarm.com or (225) 665-2186.

Youth horse deluxe, bay geld., heels, breakaway, barrels, poles, has won 3 all around saddles & many buckles, 20 yrs., excel. cond., \$3000. Marvin Hayes, Alexandria; (318) 442-1129.

Arabian mare, 14.1 hands, 11 yrs., anyone can ride, has been used on trail rides, Natchez Trace, Homochitto National Forest, High Hill, Long Leaf, Big Foot, \$1000. Lester Guilbeau, Springfield; (225) 695-3817.

2005 March foal, out of beautiful, well-built AQHA reg. Puddenhead mare & Peppy San Badger bay stud, \$800. L. Simmons, Albany; (225) 567-7813.

2003 Reg. pal. colt, has a lot of size, great conform., sire is Doc Bar bred, 90% foundation, dam is a natural W/P mare, Zip Is It, \$1800 obo. Jane Mae, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

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4 Yr. reg. red roan overo mare, dbl. bred Doc Bar & Doc Lynx, leads, loads, tie & bathes, shown & started under saddle, very gentle, very calm, \$900 obo. Mike Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

2003 Dbl. reg. golden pal. colt, has a gorgeous head & conform., 4th generation pal. on top, sire is 90% foundation bred, dam has AQHA, w/points & also futurity winner, \$2500 obo. Jane West, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

2004 AQHA colt, CLS Rock Steady/King Fritz, Doc Bar, I.F., La. & Ms. futurity eligible, excel. lungeline, Western pleasure or all-

around prospect, \$2400. S. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

1996 AQHA bay mare, Caans Ebony Image, Two-Eyed Jack, won rainbow futurity in '98, open WP points, gentle, very pretty, \$4500. Vicki Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

2002 bay QH filly, excel. disp., has been ridden, possible barrel prospect, kid on the way, no time for horse, \$600 obo. Jason Swain, Ruby; (318) 487-1597 or (318) 623-7039.

(2) AQHA pal. colts, coming 2 yrs. (1) sorrel, 2 yr. colt, yrlg. fillies & colts, top arena, performance & ranch horse breeding, out of Puddenhead, Peppy San Badger, JB Cody bloodlines, \$1100-\$2500/1. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Reg. MFT colts, yrlgs. & mares, show & trail prospects, \$1000/1-up. Jim Sullivan, Winnsboro; (318) 435-3104.

Reg. App. 2 yr. & yrlg. stallions, good conform., athletic & color, muscular builds, \$1250/1. Clay Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

(2) QH mares, 13 yrs., 1250 lbs., (1) gray, (1) bay, broke for wagon, 10 yrs., pulling together, w/new harness, \$2500. Arnold Molaison, Labadieville; (985) 859-4556.

AQHA '98 gray mare, Peppy San Badger, Lena's Vegas Boy, Dry Doc, Puddenhead, Sugie Bar Pistol, super handle, very gentle, tracks cattle, started in barrels, anyone can ride, \$3500. James Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

Appaloosa weanlings, yrlgs. & 2 yrs., \$500/1-up; \$125/1-up. Jean, Heflin; (318) 337-2700.

AQHA 2 yr. bay stud, by Zips Chocolate Chip & Barpasser granddaughter, Incentive fund, \$4500. Melvin Douet, St. Martinville; (337) 394-3946.

AQHA chestnut mare, bred to Chips Hot Chocolate, very calm, super walk/trot or trail ride horse, out of Barpassers Best, \$4900. M. Douet, St. Martinville; (337) 394-3946.

(11) reg. AQHA weans., sire Zippididoodah by Zippo Pine Bar, \$1000/1-up; (1) reg. paint, by Totally Awesome, \$1000; (5) reg. AQHA yrlgs., by Zippididoodah, \$1750/1-up. Dennis Crain, Winnsboro; (800) 228-8423 or (318) 435-4280.

(2) reg. spotted Draft mare, blk./wh. tobiano, 15.3 hands, 1300 lbs. & still growing, sweet disp., been on several trail rides, now working cows every Mon. at Kinder livestock, \$4500. Rhonda Runge, Merryville; (337) 825-4433.

1999 Reg. spotted Draft mare, blk. & wh. tobiano, rides & drives, bred to reg. Percheron for 4/05, \$6500; blk. Percheron, '04 colt, \$2500; '03 reg. spotted Draft filly, blk. & wh. tobiano, \$1500; '98 reg. Belgian mare, rides & drives, bred to blk. & wh. APHA for 3/05, \$3500. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

Reg. App., 3 yrs., FPD mare, \$450; 4 yr. mare, \$550, both out of own daughter of Alias King, Dreamfinder's sire, no checks. J. R. Causey, Walker; (225) 235-5121.

7 yr. AQHA blk. stallion, 16

hands, 1100 lbs., easy breeder, broke to ride, will stand for stud until sold, \$3995, no checks. Randy Causey, Walker; (225) 235-5121.

AQHA 6 yr. geld., bronze, health cert., good form, good bloodline, \$1500. Lee Fontenot, Bayou Vista; (985) 339-6646.

Reg. AQHA geld., 6 yrs., super gentle, good youth or lady's horse, works cattle, excel. disp. & handle, 15 hands, dark bay, Doc Bar bred, \$3500. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

Large 5 yr. Jenny, bred to spotted Jack, to foal in late Feb. or early March, \$325. James Sprague, New Iberia; (337) 364-2743.

1995 AQHA geld., La. accredited bred, sire is Rocket Blues & dam is Star Deck Kelly, barrel & pole horse, \$4500; '03 AQHA sorrel filly, Illusive Copy & Sonny Dee Bar bred, leads, ties, loads & stands for farrier, saddled approx. 8x, has had a bit in her mouth, have lunged my 8 yr. child on this filly, \$2800. Heather, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519.

1988 AQHA sorrel mare, out of Bar Room Alley & Miss Royal Puddin, bred to APHA bay/wh. tobiano stallion, out of Tinky Sugar Bars & Three Bars, \$3000. H. Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519.

2001 AQHA mare, La. accredited bred, sorrel w/star & wh. hair at root of tail, sire is Hesa Crazy Magic, dam is out of Ribbons Killian & Malpractice Charge, \$3500. G. Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519.

AQHA geld., 12 yrs., bay w/blaze, 16 hands, Freckles bloodline, excel. heading, ready to work, used on barrels & pole bending, \$4000. Dexter Coco, Alexandria; (318) 715-8571.

Matched pr. of Halflinger mares, traffic broke & gentle, bred to reg. Halflinger stallion due to foal in March, \$3000. Casey Fontenot, Washington; (337) 826-7066.

AQHA dun geld., sorrel geld., dun filly, blue roan filly, all 2 yrs., \$1000/1. C. Fontenot, Washington; (337) 826-7066.

(3) lk. mules, w/wh. stockings, 2, 3 & 5 yrs., stand 54", \$1900/all, will separate. Darrell Pellerin, Dusan; (337) 989-9685.

2002 dark bay, Sport Model AQHA geld., fantastic disp. & conform., athletic, bombproof, rides anywhere, trails, parades started right, \$2500. Debra Pearson, Zachary; (225) 654-9566 or (504) 259-6070.

Reg. Thoroughbred mare, gray, 16 hands, broodmare, proven producer, great shape, easy to handle, open for '05 breeding season, \$1500. Stan Weiser, Jefferson; (504) 837-1867.

7 yr. Thoroughbred geld., 16 hands, D-Bay, HJ prospect, started over fences, others available, \$3000 obo. A. Dvorak, New Orleans; (504) 577-0259.

Dixieland performance horses, world-class trainers, 2 world championships in '01, we train, show & sell, training all breeds, openings avail. now for training. Donnie or Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (602) 509-6220.

STALLION SERVICE

1998 golden pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

2001 bay stallion, 14.2 hands, well built, pro trained 1 yr. for cutting, Tanquery Gin, Doc O'Lena, Royal King, Doc Bar, Doc's Sug bloodlines, \$350/\$3 mare care. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

2001 AQHA dark bay stallion, Doc O'Lena & dbl. bred Peppy San Badger on papers, great disp., well built, \$250/\$3 mare care. R. Simmons, Albany; (225) 567-7813.

AQHA sorrel stallion, awesome personality, Peppy San Badger & Double Doc Bar breeding, \$300/\$3 mare care. M. Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

AQHA pal. stallion great disp., King & Leo breeding, \$275/\$3 mare care. A. Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

AQHA pal., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. App., tri-colored leopard, son of national champ & gold medallion winner, Skip Go Grand, color producer, \$200/\$4 mare care. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

Zip to Promote, reg. QH gray stallion at stud, colt to show, \$200/\$5 mare care. Maegan Chavers, Denham Springs; (225) 665-5356 or (225) 664-4229.

Multi-champ. Arabian, honest 15.2 hands, Bey Shah grandson, sweepstakes, breed your QH/APHA mare for ½ Arab market, \$750. Lynn Younger, Baton Rouge; (225) 335-4264.

AQHA point earner, heading/heeling, Bob Bar bay, 15.2 hands, stout, fast, level headed, sorrel, by Lightning Parr Barr, AQHA Hero Pudden, grandson of Puddenhead & Peppy San Badger, sorrel, blaze, \$395/\$4.5 dry mare care, \$6.5 wet. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

APHA Absolutely Awestruck, 3 yr. son of Mighty Awesome, APHA world champ., out of AQHA point earning daughter of Coosa, 15.3 hands, big, stout, great disp., sorrel overo, Little Cody Sunshine, AQHA 22 yr. pal. by Black JD Cody, out of Three Chicks mare, \$395/\$4.5 dry mare care, \$6.5 wet. F. Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Reg. MFT pal., Southern Sunrise, Missouri Traveler, Zane Gray bloodline, \$200/\$4 mare care. Sid Moreland, Minden; (318) 371-0747 or (318) 371-6799.

AQHA golden pal., son of Peppy's Boy 895, out of producing daughter of Maxi Lena, producing color, easy breeder, \$400, mult. mare discount. Romy Morvant,

Thibodaux; (985) 446-0708.

Jims Cactus Star, reg. APHA, loud overo, S/W, \$200/\$5 mare care. J. N. Shilling, Denham Springs; (225) 664-4229.

AQHA beautiful gray stallion, by Smart Little Pistol, out of a producing Wheeling Peppy mare, by Peppy San Badger, super smart & extremely cowy, \$400/\$4 mare care. Lorry Dupuy, Thibodaux; (985) 448-1212 or (985) 414-3849.

AQHA gold pal., working cow horse, Skipper W bloodline, beautiful stallion, 15.2 hands, color producer, \$300/\$4 mare care. Terry Miller, Bunkie; (318) 613-6990 or (318) 346-9280.

AQHA blk. stallion, Ima Cool Skip & Boston Mac bred, 16 hands, 1100 lbs., \$300/\$5 mare care. Randy Causey, Walker; (225) 235-5121.

AQHA Buttermilk buckskin, Mr. Yellowstone, Lightning Bar, Dixie's Back bred, 80% color producer, excel. conform. & disp., see him working cows every Mon. at Kinder livestock, \$400/\$6 dry, \$8 wet mare care. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

2000 AQHA sorrel stallion, out of Hesa Crazy Magic, by Streakin LaJolla, by Streakin Six, very muscular, lots of speed, \$350/\$5 mare care, special consideration for proven mares. Gary Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519.

APHA bay/wh. tobiano paint, out of 2x reserve grand champ., Tinky Sugar Bars & AQHA hall of fame racing horse, Sugar Bars, \$350/\$5 mare care. Heather Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519.

Blk. Mammoth Jack, w/wh. markings, big knees & gentle as a baby, must have clean bill of health & current coggins, \$200. Chester Guidry, Rayne; (337) 334-0787 or (337) 280-5117.

1995 APHA blk. & wh. tobiano, pro trained for Western Pleasure, gorgeous head, w/outstanding disp., \$300/\$5 pasture, \$8 stall mare care. Jane West, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA perlino stallion, homozygous for the dilute gene, guaranteed pal. or buckskin, out of your sorrel & bay mares, foundation bloodlines, \$500/\$5 pasture, \$8 stall mare care. Jane Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA pal. stallion, Sport Model breeding, PHBA point earner producer, put a lot of muscle on his colts, \$450/\$5 pasture, \$8 stall mare care. Anthony Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA/NFQHA grallo stallion, King, Hard Twist, Black Burn & Yellow Jacket bred, \$400/\$5 pasture, \$8 stall mare care. Pam Higginbotham, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

AQHA pal. stallion, over 90% foundation, Doc Bar & King bred, produces a lot of size on his babies, \$400/\$5 pasture, \$8 stall mare care. Mike Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA beautiful bay stallion,

great conform., 90% foundation bred, Doc Bar & King breeding, Blondy's Dude, \$400/\$5 pasture, \$8 stall mare care. Jane Mae, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA buttermilk buckskin, 32% Poco Bueno, 22% King & 100% foundation bred, wide, muscular build, throws lots of color, beautiful horse, \$300/\$4 mare care. Joe Rider, Oberlin; (337) 639-2884.

Doc's Hickory, Dry Doc, Mr. San Peppy, Colonel Freckles, large frame, great mind, lots of cow, AQHA calf roping points, also heading & healing, \$450. Joe Reed, Westlake; (337) 912-1742 or (337) 491-0922.

AQHA '99 bay stallion, son of Peptoboonsmal, NCHA & ACHA money earner, dam daughter of Shorty Lena money earner, \$750. Rodney Williams, Westlake; (337) 912-1742 or (337) 558-6946.

AQHA bay stallion, son of Doc's Stylish Oak, dam Freckles Playmate, NCHA money earner & producer of Smart Mate, \$750. J. Reed, Westlake; (337) 912-1742 or (337) 491-0922.

Dun 100% foundation NFQHA, AQHA reg. stallion, line bred Blackburn & Pretty Buck, thick, pretty head & sweet nature, \$350/\$5 dry, \$8 wet mare care. Randy Baudoin, Denham Springs; baroquefarms@cox.net, www.baroquefarm.com or (225) 665-2186.

Gray Caspian stallion, sweet tempered, dressage movement, perfect for breed to large mares for producing pony foals, within height standard, \$400/\$5 dry, \$8 wet mare care. Anna Baudoin, Denham Springs; baroquefarms@cox.net, www.baroquefarm.com or (225) 665-2186.

Gray Andalusian stallion, bred for temperament & noble carriage, most crosses are registerable, \$800/\$5 dry, \$8 wet mare care. R. Baudoin, Denham Springs; baroquefarms@cox.net, www.baroquefarm.com or (225) 665-2186.

8 yr. grandson of Puddenhead, bay star, great disp., \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeanette B. Jackson, Jennings; www.quarter-horse.com or (337) 824-1642.

Shining Sneakers x Shining Spark, AQHA superior reining, AQHA circuit championships, NRHA money earner, son of Shining Spark, \$600/\$6 pasture mare care, \$9 stall mare care. Cheryl Borer, Walker; www.borerquarterhorses.com, borerqtrhorses@aol.com or (225) 667-7415.

AQHA/PHBA pal. stallion, sire Mr. Golden Dish, Artic Blizzard, dam Skipas Foxy Lena, Fox Quest, \$350/\$6 mare care. Charles Seal, Oakdale; (318) 748-8572.

SHEEP & GOATS

(3) Full-grown reg. pygmy does, (1) full-grown reg. buck, \$75/1. Charles Rachal, Moreauville; (318) 985-2391.

Young cross-bred brush goats, males & females, \$50/1; (3) pygmy nannies, \$60/1; (2) African pygmy goats, \$75/1. Ronnie Saccaro, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-6097 or (225) 261-3832.

Reg. USBGA Boer goats, fb nannies, correct & paints, \$175/1-up; billies, correct & paints, \$150/1; 75%, \$75-\$100. Robert Lailheugue, Holden; (225) 294-3451.

Pygmy goats, herd reduction sale, doe, \$100/1; buck, \$75/1. Ronnie Andrepoint, St. Landry; (337) 461-2668 or (337) 523-6719.

Pygmy goats, (1) wh., (1) tan, w/blk. features, 2 yrs. & gentle, reducing herd, \$50/1. Felix Jacob, Jr., Reserve; (985) 536-2140.

Pygmy, Nubian, Alpine, Spanish & Nigerian goats, \$50/1-up. Jean, Heflin; (318) 377-2700.

Reg. does, w/kids, \$350/1-up; Boer kids, born 11/04, \$150/1-up; full S. A. Bucks, born 8/04, \$500. David Antee, Montgomery; (318) 646-2885.

Reg. Boer goats, good bloodlines, \$100/1-up. Keli Hayden, Holden; (225) 567-3661.

Pygmy goats, (2) males, born, 12/04, \$40/1. D. Pousson, Iota; (337) 779-2820.

Rare (4) horned Jacobs sheep, (4) ewes, (2) ram, \$500 obo. Paul Davidson, Clinton; (225) 683-8406.

Reg. IBGA 100 Boer bucks, born late Aug. early Sept. '04, correct color, tattooed, w/papers, bloodline out of Eggstreme Ennobled, Sasquatch & Tarzan, (4) for \$200/1; (4) for \$250/1. Margaret Guilbeau, Carencro; (337) 896-6986.

Reg. Katahdin hair sheep ram, born 1/13/02, good bloodline, w/papers, \$225. Beverly Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4719.

(2) NDGA reg. blk. & wh. adult does, excel. pedigrees, to be sold together & to good home only, \$300/pr. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

Katahdin sheep, males & females, some bred, some w/lambs, \$75/1-up. Sidney Venable, Church Point; (337) 684-2544.

Wanted: goats, all ages, any quality, reasonably priced. Ricky Vines, Winnfield; (318) 827-9615.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

AKC yellow lab pups, should be born 2/14/05, sire is HR champ, hip, eye & health guarantee, \$500/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Reg. Border collie/McNabbs, blk. & wh., (3) natural bobtails, (2) wh. tails, parents on premises, \$100/1. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

Reg. border collie pups, 6 wks., blk./wh., from working stock, \$200/1. A. Rachel, Ethel; (225) 683-4361.

Reg. NALC catahoula pups, blue, gray, solid leopards, born 12/6/04, out of proven stock, \$125/1. Arnold Baham, Jackson, abaham@aol.com or (225) 634-7831.

Reg. Anatolian shepherd pups, born 12/12/04, excel. bloodline, \$350. Chad Campbell, Baker; (225) 774-5335.

Champ. bred border collie pups, sire Spurs, '00 world champ. cowdog, dam Kit, GCSA Novice champ. dog of the year & mother of the '04 LSCD futurity champ., Kit is also litter mate to '02 world champ. cowdog Mack, \$500/1. Mickey Thibodeaux, Greenwell Springs; (225) 261-3886.

NSDR Australian shepherd pups, blue merle & tri-colored, born 12/2/04, \$150/1. Ronnie Bergeron, Houma; rbergeronjr@sw.rr.com, (985) 876-7023 or (985) 790-9513.

Reg. catahoula pups, from working hog dog stock, \$150. C.W. Crews, Deville; (318) 466-5624.

Catahoula-Australian pups, hog & cattle background, shots & wormed, born 10/22/04, \$45/1. Terry Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

Reg. Australian Shepherds, all colors, males & females, shots & wormed, born 1/21/05, \$250/1-up. Karen Forbes, Independence; (985) 878-3397.

NALC Catahoula pups, lots of color, both parents on premises, beautiful colors, \$125/1. Joe Rider, Oberlin; (337) 639-2884.

Rhodesian Ridgeback pups, born 1/3/05, parents used on wild hogs, \$150, taking deposits now. Richard Desjardine, Iowa; (337) 582-3082.

Catahoula cur pups, out of cattle & hog dog stock, born 10/20/04, shots & wormed, \$100; (1) 10 mo. dog, started, \$200. Loyd or Debra McDaniel, Pitkin; (318) 634-7863.

CKC great Pyrenees pups, born 11/16/04, raised w/goats & game fowl, parents on premises, \$200/1. Ike Merchant, Lafayette; (337) 267-7883.

Pb border collie pups, from working stock, \$100/1. Jody Leger, Opelousas; (337) 826-8226.

AKC Pembroke corgi pups, great for livestock, family pets & watchdogs, intelligent, lovable small dog, w/big dog attitude. Mona Yarbrough, Church Point; (337) 962-7929.

3/4 Australian shepherd, 1/4 curr pups, both parents working stock dogs, \$15/1. Mary McLean, Mora; (318) 793-5817.

AKC miniature pincher pups, champ. bloodlines, great watch dogs, good ratters, very alert to their surroundings, taking deposits, \$350. Patrice Arcement, Raceland; (985) 537-5912.

Great Pyrenees/Anatolian pups, wormed & shots, male & female, parents excel. working dogs, w/goats, mini horses & poultry, male, \$175; female, \$200. C. Parrish, Zachary; (225) 658-6562.

Pb blue heeler pups, out of working stock, born 1/04/05, \$50-\$60/1. L. Moreau, Opelousas; (337) 948-1005.

ABCA border collie pups, born 12/20/04, working stock, shots, dewormed, blk., w/wh. blaze, collar, belly, legs, \$250/1. Chad

Campbell, Baker; (225) 774-5335.

Blk. mouth cur pups, working parents on premises, \$50/1-up; (2) blk. mouth dogs, (1) reg., both working, \$600/both. Lemuel Duocte, Plaquemine; (318) 922-3833.

Queensland, born 1/8/05, blue & red heeler, pups for sale, AKC & ARF reg. mom & dad on site, \$100-150. Denis Pennington, Loranger; (985) 878-0145.

AKC beagles, Shorts ProxGas's Gatton Keg, male, 5 yrs., \$1000; 3-9 mo., started males, Skullfork, \$150/1; F.C. Bucks, Pocket Stubby x FC FR's TJ male, \$250; (1) female puppy, 6 wks., \$125. Darren Mallet, Denham Springs; (225) 664-5536.

Wanted: blueheeler pup, preferably female & miniature, out of working stock. Jennie Rogers, Lettsworth; (225) 492-2478.

SWINE

Baby potbellied pigs, all colors & ages, \$35/1-up. Jean, Heflin; (318) 377-2700.

Feeder/weanling pigs, weaning to 200 lbs., corn-fed, on concrete, \$45/1-up. J. B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

July 3, Yorkshire boars, Psss The Man, Sweetness x Survivor, Total Package, Groved Top, Dimple, tall, big, muscular butt, sire still on premises, \$400/1-up. Don Woodman, Elmer; (318) 793-2532.

Farrowing crate, \$150. James Dufresne, Vacherie; (225) 265-2690.

Wanted: pb Yorkshire pigs. Richard Moore, Deville; (318) 466-1550.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Parrots, breeder prs., orange wings, \$350/pr.; Mexican red heads, \$575/pr. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

Canaries, from award winning line, gloster, \$60/1; opal, \$60/1; bronze, \$65/1; red factor, \$65/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

Cockatiels, hf & breeder age, grays, pieds, pearls, cinns., lutinos, albinos, wh. faces & most combinations, all seamless banded, certificates included, \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

Diamond doves, blue-wh. tail, silver-wh. tail, cinn.-wh. tail, yellow-wh. tail, yellow & red, all closed banded, \$20/1-up, will ship. Mervin Faul, Iowa; (337) 582-6674.

Breeder pr. gold mantled rosellas, \$500; young G.M. split fiery, \$250/1. J. Oliver, Arnaudville; (337) 351-2873.

Hahn macaws, \$2000/6 or \$375/1. Darlene Covell, Scott; (985) 856-6719 or (337) 232-5347.

Breeder prs., blue parrotlets, green & blue Quakers, blue crown conures, Timneh African grays, umbrella & citron cockatoos, DYH Amazons, Hahns, severe & green-wing macaws, \$250-\$2500. Stephen Gauthier, Watson; (225) 664-3315.

Violet, blue mask lovebirds, \$350-\$500/pr.; opaline peach-face lovebirds, visuals & splits, \$300-\$450/1, all banded & DNA sexed. Glenn Allen, Gonzales; (225) 644-1908.

Hf cockatiels, \$55-\$65/1; not hf, \$25-\$30/1; lutino lovebirds, \$30/1; ringneck doves, \$8/1; finches, society & zebra, \$8/1. Robert Legendre, Gonzales; (225) 644-5923.

Hf RS eclectus babies, not weaned, \$500; hf large scarlet macaw baby, not weaned, \$850; (2) proven pr. Congo grays, (1) bonded pr. Congo grays, (1) bonded pr. Timenh grays, \$1250/pr., obo. Mike Dugas, Plattenville; (985) 369-2730.

Finches, gouldians, diamond sparrow, shaft tails, societies & zebras, blk. face, blk. breasted & other zebra mutation, \$6/1-up. Terry Perez, Cut Off; tbirds@mobiletel.com or (985) 665-3902.

Lovebirds, blue Aust. cinn. violets, creamino violets, jade violets, split to American, silver & wh. face, \$25/1-up. Brian LeMaire, Kaplan; birds@kaplan.tel.net or (337) 643-1183.

Sun conure, male DNA sexed, \$250; red rump parakeet male, \$75/pr.; fisher lovebirds, \$100. Don Leche, Metairie; (504) 889-1784.

Orange-face lovebirds, lutinos, normals split to lutino, olives, cinns., \$25-\$50/1; 1 yr. lovebirds, in many other colors, \$25-\$50. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

(4) mature cockatiels, \$25/1; (1) metal cage, 17"x32", \$25. Hosea Hebert, Basile; (337) 432-6333.

Aviary, cockatiels, lovebirds, parakeets, diamond doves, cages, feeders etc., \$1250/all. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

Talking blue & gold macaw, male, \$800. Lester Boucay, Jennings; (337) 824-6710 or (337) 329-2893.

Breeder pr. of Indian ringneck parrots, male, green, female, yellow, \$350/pr. Charles Rachal, Moreauville; (318) 985-2391.

Ringneck dove normals & wh., \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Proven umbrella cockatoo, male, \$700; young pr. dusky conures, laid 1 time, \$400/pr. Charles Legaux, Edgard; (985) 497-3264.

English parakeets, all BAA banded, many colors to choose from, all from champ. stock, several prs., ready to breed, \$20/1-up. Byron McGee, Pineville; (318) 449-4976.

2004 American singers, \$45/1-up; cages, 16"x16"x24" w/perches & feeders, \$14/1. Michael Dubreuil, Denham Springs; (225) 664-6442.

Indian ringneck parrot, w/cage, \$200. Faye Courtney, Walker; (225) 665-4052.

All birds surgically sexed,

males & breeders, sun conures, \$225; Quakers, \$85, cash only. Mary Duckett, Metairie; (504) 887-8887.

Wanted: Port Lincoln male breeder, blossom head hen breeder, turquoise hen breeder. Wayne Covell, Scott; (985) 856-6719 or (337) 232-5347.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Must sell, barred rock laying hens, \$7/1; roosters, \$3/1; egg cartons, pkg. of 25, \$7/1; laying boxes, \$10/1; feeders & waters. Franklin Lidberg, Baton Rouge; (225) 274-9697.

Ringneck pheasants, (1) male, (2) female, \$60/3; golden male, \$30. Robert Legendre, Gonzales; (225) 644-5923.

Eggs, \$1.25/doz. Charles Anderson, Minden; (318) 377-1009.

Miniature bantams, Old English, Dutch, any colors, hens, \$7/1; roosters, \$8/1. Norman Ordoneaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

Now taking orders for buff Orpington chicks, \$1/1; Peking ducklings, \$2/1; Old English bantam chicks and started, \$2/1-up. Bruce Richard, Sunset; (337) 662-6867.

Super large quail, Pharaoh & Manchurian golden, hatching eggs, \$25/100 plus \$12 S&H; live quail, 75¢/1-up. G. R. Chauvin, Shriever; (985) 448-3360.

Diamond doves, blue-wh. tail, silver-wh. tail, cinn.-wh. tail, yellow-wh. tail, yellow & red, all closed banded, \$20/1-up, will ship. Mervin Faul, Iowa; (337) 582-6674.

Blk. rose comb bantam, \$15/pr.; Old English, all colors, \$15/pr. M. Faul, Iowa; (337) 582-6674.

Blk. swan, \$350/pr. & up; mute, \$400/pr. & up; guineas, \$10/1; male blue snow goose, \$60; mature male Moulucan cockatoo, \$800. Darren Mallet, Denham Springs; (225) 664-5536.

Pharaoh quails, golden Manchurian & wh., newly hatched to grown, 35¢-\$1.5/1; eggs, 15¢/1; live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$28/doz. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Jumbo Pharaoh quails, dressed, \$28/doz., live, \$2/1; pickled eggs, \$6/pt.; eggs, \$20/100. Shirley Franks, Lena; (318) 793-8018.

Canadian geese, (1) male, (1) female, \$50/1; wood ducks, (3) males, (4) female, \$20/1; doves, (2) males, w/small cage, \$20; rabbit w/cage, \$20. Tony Angelle, Lafayette; (337) 989-1091.

(17) Buff Brahma bantams, did great in 4-H show, some laying, \$4/1 or \$50/all. Charles Rachal, Moreauville; (318) 985-2391.

Mallard ducks, eggs, babies & mature flyers, 50¢-\$10/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Baby chicks, \$1.5/1; pullets, \$3/1; blk. Jersey giant roosters, \$6/1; young Peking ducks, \$4/1; mixed young bantams, \$4/1; incu-

bator, (4) shelves, holds 180-eggs, \$250. Gladys Oestrieher, Lacombe; (985) 882-7598.

(2) Peacocks, (4) peahens, \$50/1 or \$250/all. Edith Kitchens, Epps; (318) 926-5745.

Malaysian serama, world's smallest chicken, breeding prs., \$200. Roy Firmin, Zachary; (225) 654-9566.

Jungle fowl, prs. only, \$20/pr. Patrick Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-2013.

Mixed bantams, \$7/pr.; BB reds, mixed roosters, \$3/1 or \$2/1 for (10) or more. A. P. Collins, Opelousas; (337) 942-6236.

(30) Wh. muscovy ducks, \$4-\$5/1. B. Soileau, Mamou; (337) 468-5022.

Tom turkeys, \$25/1. Joe Giacone, Hammond; (985) 345-5049.

(2) pr. blk. bantams, \$10/pr.; (18) doves, \$2/1. Bobby Cooper, Covington; (985) 892-6578.

3 yr. peacocks, India blue, \$50. Roy Firmin, Zachary; (225) 654-9566.

Wanted: blk. rose comb bantams, pb, reasonably priced, within 50 miles of Crowley. Bernard Olivier, Crowley; (337) 581-4419.

Wanted: chickens, pullets, ducks, geese, turkeys, bantams, all half grown & healthy, also full grown, within 50 miles of Rayne. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

Wanted: dbl. yolk chicken eggs, will buy fair amount, 20 in tray. Leo Lyncker, Kenner; (504) 712-0948.

Wanted: mallard ducks, we will buy all you can produce. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Wanted: (2) prs. ruby shell ducks. Louis Blanchard, Roseland; (985) 748-5527.

PIGEONS

Beautiful racing homers, \$6/1. Chuck Methvien, Holden; (985) 507-7456 or (985) 567-3317.

Wh. king pigeons, \$10/1. Robert Legendre, Gonzales; (225) 644-5923.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Rabbits & bunnies, \$4/1-up; fryers, live, \$1/lb. Darlene Richard, Sunset; (337) 662-6867.

Harlequin Dutch, mini rex, Holland, Dutch, Netherland dwarf & min lops, \$15/1. Diana Jacobson, Amite; (985) 748-5820 or (985) 507-3401.

NZW, Calif., satins & common breed, \$6/1-up. Gerald or Caroline Porche, Port Allen; (225) 241-1361 or (225) 603-9740.

Calif., Flemish giant, checkered giant, Harlequin, NZ, Dutch & mini rex, 5 wks.-breeders. M. Trahan, Vinton; (337) 589-2122.

Wanted: rabbits, preferably NZ, Calif. & mixed breeds, 8 lbs. & up. W. Ridi, Braithwaite; (504) 682-0726.

DEER & EXOTICS

Fallow, blk. buck, big wh. tails & others, \$400/1-up. Jeff Swank, Delhi; (318) 878-4375 or (850) 519-1129.

Trophy elk bull, \$2000/1; white-tail bucks, \$1500/1; Sieka Trophy, \$500; water buffalo, cow & calf, \$1500/pr. Herbert Lejeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

Female llama, 1 yr., \$400. Charl Barrilleaux, Jeanerette; (337) 241-4038.

(5-7) Whitetail deer, female, \$300-\$600; male, \$400-\$1000. Victor Rutherford, Florian; (318) 256-6823.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Blue catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

(450) crawfish traps, 52" cut, \$2.5/1 if all taken. Al Cramer, Branch; (337) 581-2300.

FARM SERVICES

Protect your investment & your friend, freeze brand now avail., I.D. that is humane & visible yr. round., \$45. Kim Ballard, Cade; (337) 344-3171.

Welding & fabrication, structural & repair, new trailers, etc., \$40/hr.; machine shop work, \$45/hr. Russell Ragsdale, Winnsboro; (318) 439-9118.

Land clearing, dirt work, ponds, house pads, forestry construction. Jeff Nelson, Ashland; (318) 544-9090.

Horse boarding, 70 acres, w/own stall, peaceful, room to ride, perfect place & quality care for lay ups, minutes from Lafayette & Evangeline Downs in Opelousas. Mark Allbright, Arnaudville; (337) 754-9104 or (337) 207-9156.

Land clearing, ponds, dirt work, stump removal, rake work on clearing, \$55/hr. on 450-B Case dozer, \$55/hr. on 580-D Case backhoe, hauling of equip. one-way, \$5.85/mile; dirt hauling, \$175/ld.; equip. hauling, \$3.85/mile. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9272.

Dog training, obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

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SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Dbl. bi-color & dbl. pink confederate rose, Jobs tear, dbl. purple & yellow bush datura, Peter, Birdseye, ornamental peppers, bi-color 4 o'clock, oblong green eggplant, \$1.5/1, w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Merlitons, vegetable pears, well rooted, growing plants, in 2-gal. pots, \$5/1. E. J. Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

2004 Hot Peter pepper seeds, 50-seed pkt., \$1/pkt., w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash. St., Crowley, LA 70526; (337) 783-2042.

3-gal. nursery pots, \$30/100. James Dufresne, Vacherie; (225) 265-2690.

Pine straw, machine baled premium quality mulch, clean, \$4/bale, at barn. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

Birdhouse & dipper gourd, cushaw green stripe, 30-seed packet, \$1.5/pkt. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Pecan tree, Elliott, Candy, Sumner, Oconie Coupee, Jackson, Moreland & Woodmen, 3-gal. containers, \$10-\$15/1. Hilary Langlois, Jr., New Roads; (225) 638-4376.

Pecan trees, Elliott, Candy, Oconie, Desirable, etc., 3-gal., \$10-\$15/1, discount on volume sales. Huey Graves, Wisner; (318) 724-7543.

Louisiana Live Oaks, 1 gal., 3'-4', \$2/1; live oak liners, 18"-24", 50¢/1. A.M. Gray III, Patterson; (985) 395-5193 or (985) 518-4711.

Mayhaw, cypress, sawtooth oak, live oak, nuttall oak, \$7.5/3-gal.; peach, plum, pear varieties, \$15/7-gal. Glenn or Angela Austin, Winnfield; (318) 628-6150.

Blackberry, \$3/1; red fancy bush cherry bundle, \$25/20 plus \$3 postage; china rice plant, \$5/1; purple lilac tree, \$8/1; loquat, \$5/1-up; peach, \$5-\$10/1. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Cypress trees, 5'-7' tall, \$11/1; less than 5' tall, \$9/1. D. Bordon, Ponchatoula; (985) 345-4280.

Over 50 varieties of plants, shrubs & trees, \$1-\$10/1; old time rose bushes, some dated 1830; 1-gal. \$5/1; several kinds of lilies, \$2.5/1-\$5/1; 1-gal. \$2.5/1; 3-gal. \$6/1; live oaks, 7' tall, 25-gal. pot, \$30/1. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Magnolia grandiflora, 4', \$8-\$15/1; Japanese plum & yew, \$5-\$10/1; Celeste fig, 4', \$8/1; Brown turkey fig, \$5/1; Jelly palms, 3 gal., \$10/1; Monkey grass, 3 qt. tufts,

\$1. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2-gal., \$9.50/1; 10 varieties, SASE for list; Elliott pecan, 3', 6-gal., grafted, \$25 at place. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Magnolia, large wh. flowers, loquat, Japanese plum, 7-gal., \$15/1; Brison blackberry, at place, \$4/1. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Tomato plants, BHN 640 & stel-leto bell pepper, 4" pot, \$1.5, at place. J. Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

HAY & GRAIN

Bahia hay, (30) bales, \$10/1. Ray Mayeaux, Simmesport; (318) 941-2545.

Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, \$15/1. E. C. Rogers, Houma; (985) 851-7692.

Rice straw, 4x5 bales, \$15/1. Harold Marceaux, Kaplan; (337) 652-8305.

Bahia hay, rd. bales, in barn, \$25/1; in field, \$15/1. John Spipman, Wilmer; (985) 748-7444.

4x4 hay, very clean, heavily fert., \$20/1 or \$18/1 for (25) or more; light fert., \$12.5/1 or \$10/1 for (25) or more. Faron Salario, LeBlanc; (337) 738-2355 or (337) 513-9434.

2004 Bahia hay, 4x6 bales, \$20/1. M. D. Stewart, Zachary; (225) 939-2455.

2004 Bahia, in shed, on pallets, well fert., \$25/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

2004 Quality cow hay, Russell Bermuda, \$25/1; hay grazer, \$15/1; rye, vetch, clover, \$15/1; mixed grass, \$10/1. Preston Hutson, Bossier; (318) 347-2008.

4x5 Rolls Bahia hay, fert. to soil test, no weeds, under barn, excel. quality horse hay, del. avail., \$35/1. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

Alfalfa hay, 70 lb. sq. bales, top quality, green & fine stem, 4th cutting, \$11/1; rd. bales fert. Bahia hay, outside, del. avail., \$30/1. J. Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

2004 Pensacola Bahia, 4x6 rd. bales, no rain, well fert. & cured, \$20/1. J. Prejean, Scott; (337) 873-6643.

2004 Bahia sq. bales, well fert., cured w/o rain, clean, in barn, \$3/1. George Banks, Bogalusa; (985) 732-3950.

2004 Season, excel. quality Bahia hay, well fert., cured w/o rain, (100) 4x5 rd. bales, \$20/1. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

Bahia or rye grass, sq. bales, horse quality, no rain. Lew Overton, Slaughter; (225) 654-0086.

(100) Bales hayledge, del. avail., \$30/1. H. R. Williams, St. Gabriel; (225) 642-8520.

Bahia hay, excel. quality, in barn, fert., limed, cured w/o rain, you load, del. avail., \$3.5/1, rd. bales avail. Chad Lasseigne, Port Allen; (225) 413-9138.

Bahia hay, fert., 6x4 rd. bales, no rain, \$20/1 or \$18/1 if (20) or more purchased. Quentin Stears,

Washington; (337) 826-3807 or (337) 351-8775.

Taking orders now for 2005 spring season Alicia/Bahia/Coastal/Tifton44/Johnson grass hay, 4x5 rd. bales, \$18/1; behind baler, \$23/1; off field, \$28/1; del. avail. no checks. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9272.

Fert. Bahia, Alicia 4x5 rd. bales, cond., cut & cured, '04, \$20/1; '03, \$15/1. C.M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

2003 Alicia Bahia, 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, \$30/1; cattle mixed grass, \$15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

2004 Bahia/Alicia sq. bales, 80 lb. bales, 4x6 rd. bales, no weeds, \$25/1. L. Broussard, Broussard; (337) 277-6340.

4x5 Rolls Bahia hay, cured, w/o rain, in field, \$15/1; in barn, \$20/1. Carlos Guillot, Marksville; (318) 253-5770 or (318) 240-0458.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

12' set of JD discs, \$1000. H. R. Williams, St. Gabriel; (225) 642-8520.

IH 815 combine field ready, w/(4) grain heads, kept under shed, IH 815 combine for parts, \$3300/all. Shaun Peck, Arnaudville; (337) 945-2700.

MM, G-1350 dual wheels, 140 hp on LPG, \$4000. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

JD 148 loader, w/joy stick & bucket, \$3500; mechanical transplanter, mulch layer, \$300. Dale Denais, Duson; (337) 984-4135.

1991 Mahindra 450, 45 hp, strong engine, low hrs., ready to work, \$4800; 5' rotary cutter, w/new stump jumper & blades, new rebuilt heavy-duty deck, \$500. Burel Smith, Lake Charles; (337) 855-3058 or (337) 884-3059.

14-9-28 rear trac. tires, heavy-duty R-1 hi-power lug, 80% rubber, \$100. Donald Bringol, Marksville; (318) 253-4400.

Horse -rawn antique hay rack, \$300; 1-row set of row disc, \$200; middle buster, cult. & toolbar, \$200. J. P. Major, Jr., Baker; (225) 261-0914.

Kubota M6800 utility special trac., w/149 hrs., Rhino 84 shredder, Howse 7' cultivators, Howse 1-row choppers, Howse middle buster, Rayne Plane box grader, \$20,000. James Bolfer, Leesville; (337) 344-0106.

1999 Class baler, Rolant 66, baled approx. 1000 bales, \$10,000; Class cutter w/cond., 4 yrs., \$6500. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

Kubota B8200 trac., diesel, turf tires, bush hog loader & 4' cutter, \$4400; JD 2040 diesel, \$4500, 3 range shift & 4 gears, overhauled last year. Jean Duhon, Abbeville; (337) 898-1869 or (337) 652-1756.

White 273, 25' disc, \$2000; Caldwell grain cart, 200-bushel capacity, broken gearbox, good tires, \$500. Damian Frey, (337) 457-7878.

2003 NH diesel trac., 4 wd, 30 hp, front-end loader, 100 hrs., excel. cond., \$12,500. Greg Chapman, New Roads; (225) 638-9644.

JD 235 disc, 26', good cond., \$2200; Woods 7' shredder, needs deck work, \$400; Orthman 8-row cult., w/busters & spray attachment, \$6500. Derek Dauzat, Marksville; (318) 253-5386.

Int. cub trac., yellow & wh., w/belly mower, finger type, new blades & bearings, \$1200. A. Rozas, Eunice; (337) 546-6337.

Ford 5000, 52 hp trac., new paint, (2) new rear tires, rear hydraulics & lights, good running, dependable trac., \$7000. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

JD 4020 diesel synchro, \$10,000, w/dozer blade, \$12,000; JD 3020 diesel Synchro, \$10,000. Terry Bordelon, Estherwood; (337) 783-8200.

1950 IH Farmall 1800 series, 21 hp, w/4' flail belly mower, engine has been rebuilt, tires in excel. shape, \$2500. Joe Yerger, Tallulah; (318) 574-0765 or (318) 574-2619.

JD 4410 trac., 35 hp, w/power reverse, 3 sets hyd. outlets, w/430 loader, factory warranty, 152 hrs., \$17,000; JD heavy forks, \$500; 6' 3 pt. chopper, \$1250; MX-5 cutter, new, \$1250. Lee Bordelon, Abbeville; (337) 893-6511 or (337) 319-4529.

Yanmar 1600 trac., 16 hrs. on rebuilt engine, tools avail., good tires & sheet metal, everything works, \$2850. John Savoy, St. Amant; (225) 675-8737.

(2) 273 White flex-wing disc, 21', ready to work, \$3000/1. Randy Stutes, Rayne; (337) 334-5922.

1999 L2500 Kubota diesel trac., w/5' Kubota RFM, grooming mower, \$5500/both. G. Brouillette, Church Point; (337) 344-6004.

JD 4020, w/loader, 95 hp, hay forks, new bucket & new radiator, real good trac., \$9000. Todd Deville, Ville Platte; (337) 363-3094.

Front dozer blade, w/cyl., heavy duty, hoses fit Int. 1066 trac. & other models, excel. cond., \$1000. John Hurst, Clinton; (225) 683-4014.

Gehl CB 800 silage, hayledge chopper, 1000 RPM, elec. spout, 7' hayledge header, 2-row corn header, good cond., \$5000, Tim Gautreau, New Iberia; (337) 365-7007.

Mahindra 475DI, 37 hp trac., purchased new in '99, excel. cond., only 656 hrs., \$6000. Erwin Guidry, Mamou; (337) 468-3032.

Long 1199-B, 3 pt., backhoe, attachment for trac., in good working cond., \$1750. Clay or Pat Daigle, Branch; (337) 684-6431 or (337) 277-4153.

JD model 40, wide front, new paint, runs good, 5' toolbar, ridgers, middle buster, row shaper, 5' bush hog, 3 1/2' box blade, some cult. tools, good cond., \$3500. Tim Herrington, Kentwood; (985) 229-5956.

Rice dryers, to be moved, \$4500 obo. Carl Tate, Ville Platte; (337) 363-8571.

Red cub, w/choice of belly mower or plow arms, \$1300; yellow & wh. cubs, w/choice of belly mower or plow arms, \$1500; yellow & wh. cub, w/belly mower, \$2100. Skeet Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

8-Row 7300 JD vacuum planter,

fully loaded, \$8000; 4840 trac. duals, tanks & pump, \$14,000; 8-row Land Pride row markers, \$800, (2) sets Amco 8-row hipers, \$1000. Roy Quirk, Bunkie; (318) 346-7535.

Ford 3930 w/canopy, 45 PTO hp, shuttle, low hrs., \$10,900; Int. 574, w/loader, 52 PTO hp, \$7300; Int. 474, 52 PTO hp, 4 cyl., \$4900. D. Barrere, Moreauville; (318) 997-2581.

1990 Ford 5900, 62 hp, new rear tires, dual remotes, 1 owner, solid trac., \$7500. Gary Wood, Merryville; (337) 786-6887.

Mitsubishi D2000, w/tiller, 20 hp, \$3500. Jerry Hollowell, Castor; (318) 544-8822.

Case 36" backhoe bucket, good cond., \$500. Michel Fox, New Iberia; (337) 369-8020.

(2) JD, 4-row, 3-blade pickup disc, \$800; 4-row granular insecticide applicator, 3 pt. hitch, transport wheels, new, \$450. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

7710 Ford trac., \$12,000; 540 Heston baler, 4x4, \$4000; 10' NH fluffer, 3 pt., \$2400. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

Farmall 100 trac., runs great, \$2100. Miles McNeely, Hornbeck; (318) 565-4060.

9N Ford trac., not running, motor not frozen, needs overhauling, \$600. Billy Weatherford, Leesville; (337) 238-4803.

Int. 140 w/tools, \$3200; Int. 1466, potato crates, \$75/1; potato planters, 2-row, (1) 1-row, riding digger, good cond. Daniel Laborde, Mansura; (318) 964-2902.

6-row Chattanooga crop maker cult., \$425; 6-row Taylorway cult., 3 pt. hitch, w/fenders, \$450; 6-row Glenco cult., w/gauge, wheels, \$450. A. J. Bradley, Transylvania; (318) 552-6265.

510 JD rd. baler, \$2000; 605C Vermeer rd. baler, \$1200; MF 124 sq. baler, \$1750; MF 10 sq. baler, w/engine, \$2000; 1066 IH 2 p/c, \$3500; 450C Case dozer, \$17,500. F. Peritt, Rayville; (318) 728-3035.

2000 Vermeer 1102 stump grinder, newly rebuilt, excel. cond., 110 hp Perkins diesel, \$17,000. Ben Young, Zachary; (225) 603-8828.

Farmall cub, new paint, rebuilt engine, 12 volt system, belly mower, runs great, \$2500. Bob Benefield, Mansfield; (318) 697-6201.

Allis Chalmers, WC cane trac., engine turns, some tools, great for restoration, \$600 obo; Allis Chalmers 190-XT turbo diesel, runs good, good paint & tires, w/7' bush hog & 3 pt. backhoe, \$5000. L. J. Melancon, Cecilia; (337) 667-6607.

Trac. tires, like new, (2) 6.00x14 & (2) 8.3x22, \$250. Troy Babin, Luling; (985) 388-0542.

JD model 820, w/canopy & roll bar, 42 hp, just rebuilt, last summer, 75 hrs. on engine, w/6' bush hog, \$6300. Scott Chustz, Lottie; (225) 718-5391.

IH 300 antique trac., \$800; 4' grader blade, \$200; dirt scoop, \$160; 3' wide bush hog, 12 hp, Briggs engine, \$300. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

Continental Belton sprayer, 320-gal. tank, new 30' boom, pump control valve & plumbing, field ready, \$1200. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

Bush Hog brand finishing mower, model A.T.H. 900, good shape, no rust holes, \$1000 obo. Richard Byrd, St. Bernard; (504) 676-3530.

Allis Chalmers 4 bottom plow, 3 pt. hookup, \$300; Woods ditch back cutter, 3 pt. hookup, PTO driven, hyd. fold, \$800; 18' Lilliston cult., \$800. John Falcon, Donaldsonville; (225) 493-6162 or (225) 717-0296.

800 Versatile series II, new paint, well maintained, \$9000; 806 diesel, new tires, \$5000; 28' Int. 490 disc, \$1000; 22' shop made water level, \$500. Mike Wall, Basile; (337) 432-6497.

W & A 8-row hipper, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; Taylorway 8-row cult., w/fenders, \$1500; Bridger planter, 8-row w/row markers, \$1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Bionic type grader blades, new, 5', \$630; 6', \$699; 7', \$819; comm. 7', \$1290. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Case 580 CK backhoe, \$8000; 4 cyl. Perkins diesel engine, w/hyd. pump, \$1200; 7' Woods bush hog, w/3 pt. hookup, drag type, \$1200; 13' Bush Hog brand cutter, model 160, \$3500. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

Minneapolis Moline trac., model G 1000, \$4000; 6' pull-type bush hog, \$600. F. Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

Ford disc, 27', \$900; terrace plow 9-blade, \$900; sheep-foot cult., 24', \$500; heavy-duty push blade, \$500. Al Cramer, Branch; (337) 581-2300.

855 NH rd. baler, 6x6 bales, used, perfect cond., stored in barn, ready to work, \$7500. Walter McCann, Baton Rouge; (225) 751-9131.

Model M Farmall Int., live PTO, \$2000. Vic Sciortino, Hammond; (225) 567-3242.

Ford trac. 1750, for parts, needs crankshaft & fly wheel, \$1000. Billy Passman, Franklinton; (985) 839-6993.

16' PZ DS 5000 hay fluffer, needs minor repair, \$450; 678 NH baler, 5x5 bales, like new, hardly used, \$15,000 nego. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

JD 4620, in good shape, w/3 pt. hitch & new tires, \$9500. Wilbur Landry, Welsh; (337) 734-2680.

2-row Cole planters, on 3 pt. toolbar, \$250; 3 pt. sickle mower, 7', new Pitman extra blades & rock guards, \$125; 20' auger, 8", \$100. Gary Burks, Starks; (337) 743-5487.

IH 130 hi-clear trac., \$2450; 30'-reach manlift on wagon frame, setup on trac. hyd., \$3385; 60-gal. sprayer, w/12' boom, \$375; 8' drag harrow, \$175. Daniel Romero, New Iberia; (337) 380-3795.

PZ CM 165 drum hay cutter, good cond., needs a little work, \$450 obo. Chad Lasseigne, Port Allen; (225) 413-9138.

2003 JD lawn trac., 17 1/2 hp L110, 42" cut, w/canopy, 3' umbrella & extra blades, used 77 hrs., \$1500. Charles Overstreet, Lafayette; (337) 988-3426.

Ford 3910 w/loader, low hrs., 43 PTO hp, \$10,500; Int. 474 diesel trac., 4 cyl., p/s, dual PTO, 52 PTO hp, \$4900. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

IH 480 disc, 21', excel. cond., \$1750. Chris Brouillette, Marksville; (318) 253-7067.

Large oat crimper, \$995; large roll mill, \$995; heavy-duty sub soiler, pulled by dozer w/winch, \$850. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

7020 Allis Chalmers trac., 130 hp, field/pasture ready, currently used on ranch, has 540 & 1000 PTO, steering recently repaired, 20.8-38 rear tires, good rubber, 75%, \$4100. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

MF 80 hp trac., front loader, \$7800. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

Ford 7000, front-end loader top, \$8500; Deutz, 60 hp, \$5000; Kubota M4700 trac., alum. top, 700 hrs., \$10,500; Bobcat, JD 5575 loader bucket, bucket opens to grab, \$7500. M. D. Stewart, Zachary; (225) 939-2455.

IH 484 diesel trac., 2510 hrs., p/s, hyd. remotes, 42 hp, 4 post canopy, 3 pt. hitch, excel. cond., \$6500. Gary Williams, Franklinton; (985) 848-7070 or (985) 570-3254.

6' Disc, 3 pt. hitch, almost new, excel. cond., used very little, \$650. L. Harris, Baton Rouge; (225) 769-2978.

NH 847 hay baler, hyd. tie, field ready, \$2800. Ray Mayeaux, Simmesport; (318) 941-2545.

JD 4840, power shift, mounted chemical spray tanks, C/H/A, dual 20.8 rear tires, ready to work, \$14,000; JD 9910, cotton picker parts, any or all, \$2000 or will take 8' or 10' pasture clipper in trade. Judy Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

IH 706, LPG, wide front end, needs work, 6-row cult., rolling cult., crop maker, JD 7100 planters, w/monitors, \$3500/all. Percell Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

1984 JD model 850 diesel, 3 pt. hitch, canopy, \$5900. Peter Cheek, Kaplan; (337) 643-6811.

5020 JD trac., for parts, has bad engine, includes new \$100 repair manual, \$825. Paul or Justin Squyers, Pineville; (318) 445-2191.

Grizzly 6" jointer, works, \$150; IH iron wheel mowing machine, \$200. Greg DeKeyser, New Iberia; (337) 367-0214 or (337) 519-1914.

500-Gal. bulk fuel tank, on skids, will 2 pumps, (1) elec. w/fil-ter, on manual pump, no leaks, \$275. Mike Guillot, Holden; (225) 294-3135.

JD 6620, 18' platform, good cond., 1 owner, cut '04 rice crop, \$3500. Ted Savant, Kinder; (337) 738-5818.

966 Int. uses some oil, \$4900; 20' tandem axle gooseneck, \$2400; 320 NH sq. baler, \$4500; cub, w/belly mower, \$2450. T. L. Warner, Sun City; (318) 453-5685.

Super AV Int., front cult., rear row builders, middle buster & other tools, new rear tires, \$2500. Al Ducote, Lakeland; (225) 627-4611.

Bermuda King planter, \$6800; Bermuda King spring digger, \$5950; Pasture dream planter, \$3500; Befco 8 dbl. wheel rack, \$1200; seat & frame, \$337. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9272.

Ford 7700 trac., 85 hp, cab/air, Bush Hog brand front-end, very

good cond., \$16,000. Philip Beech, Franklinton; (985) 839-3546.

Ford 8N, \$2300; Kubota L-175, 18 hp, 4x4, 4' bush hog, \$3500; Kubota L-2950, 28 hp, \$6500; (2) gooseneck trailers, 16' & 20', \$1000 & \$1200. Joe Major, Church Point; (337) 684-6474 or (337) 945-6960.

Antique trac., (1) IHX, model "M", 60 yrs., (1) IHC, model Super "C", 50 yrs., \$1000/1 obo; Antique farm equip., mule-drawn dump rake, road grader, mowing machine & tumble bug, dirt moving machine. E. C. Roge, Natchez; (318) 352-7001.

8' Kuhn cutter, \$2500; NH rd. baler 846, bar 4'x5', 8' Fellusm, 240 cutter, \$2500; 3 pt. hammer mill, excel. shape, \$450. B. Newton, Anacoco; (337) 239-4092.

8N '52 side mount distributor, excel. cond., less than 1000 hrs., new paint, tires, etc., \$2500; red cub, needs over haul, \$1000 obo. James Hilton, Anacoco; (337) 238-4216.

Wanted: log tongs, 3 pt. disc, 6'-7', 1-row planter. Charles Banzhof, Moss Bluff; (337) 855-6157.

Wanted: tracs., all sizes, makes & models, running or not. B. Ruprecht, St. Landry; (318) 838-2913.

Wanted: small back hoe or back hoe attachment. James Hilton, Anacoco; (337) 238-4216.

Wanted: rear wheel weights, to fit JD 6410 trac., w/flanged axle, also JD forklift attachment, to fit JD 641 or 741 front-end loader, Kuhn hay fluffer, model GF 5001 THA, box blade, 6'-7'. D. Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

Wanted: 6'-8' flail mower, 6'-8' box blade, 14' harrow, 40'-50' hp trac. T. Truxillo, Franklinton; (985) 839-5302.

Wanted: row builder for compact, 20 hp, trac., w/3 pt. hitch. Troy Babin, Luling; (985) 388-0542.

Wanted: roto tiller, 3 pt. hitch, 3.5' or 5' tilling width, good working cond., reasonably priced, within 100 miles of Hammond. M. Guillot, Holden; (225) 294-3135.

Wanted: used hay baler, small sq. bales, used JD trac., must be 90-100 hp at PTO, both must be in top cond. E. C. Roge, Natchez; (318) 352-7001.

Wanted: Ford 6000 diesel trac. Luther Miller, Eunice; (337) 247-0589.

Wanted: 450 dozers, any shape, whole or in parts. P. R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 592-0170.

Wanted: Farmall Super AV, 100,130 or 140 hi-crop, w/or w/o tools, front cult. frame needed, Farmall H or M hi-crop tracs., running or not. John Savoy, St. Amant; (225) 675-8737.

Wanted: (2) 16.9 38 rear trac. tires, in good cond. Larry Lindsey, DeRidder; (337) 462-6023 or (337) 263-1479.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1987 Ford Bronco, 6 cyl., 4 spd., manual hubs, cold a/c, \$1850. T.

Truxillo, Franklinton; (985) 839-5302.

1979 CJ5 Jeep, good cond., hard top, 8000 lb. winch, 39,000, V-8, 4 spd., \$3500. S. Moreland, Minden; (318) 371-0747 or (318) 371-6799.

1992 Ford Ranger XLT, 2.3 engine, 11,000 miles, new radiator, water pump, & tires, 5 spd., w/over drive, no oil leaks, excel. cond., \$2950 nego. Stanford Domingue, Duson; (337) 873-8717.

1984 Dodge ¾-ton, w/new 318 engine, good body & tires, good work truck, \$2900. Buvens Deshautelle, Marksville; (318) 253-9534.

1955 Chevy 20-ton, all steel bed, gooseneck hookup, all original, runs well, \$1000. Gary Burks, Starks; (337) 743-5487.

1991 Ford 250, 4 wd, \$1400; '41 Jeep, 4 wd, \$900; Military Jeep, 4 wd, w/Ford V8 engine, needs clutch, \$300. John Rosique, Port Barre; (337) 585-6687.

2002 Ford F-250, super duty, 4x4 crew cab, Lariat, power stroke, turbo diesel, 4 wd, 16,000 miles, gooseneck hookup, \$29,500. Tammy Tantillo, Albany; (225) 567-7614.

1994 Ford F-250, single cab, XL, 351 w/5 spd., great cond., 114K miles, cast alum. wheels, \$4800. Phillip Monteleone, Hammond; (985) 507-5743.

Diesel generator, 10,000 watt hrs., new Yanmar 3 cyl., engine, skid mount, water cooled, very quiet, fuel consumption .6 gph at 70% load, \$4500. Charles Banzhof, Moss Bluff; (337) 855-6157.

1987 Nissan ext. cab truck, looks & runs well, new tires, \$2200. Russell Richard, Roanoke; (337) 753-2238.

(2) Rice trucks, 300-bushel steel beds, w/hyd. lifts, '72 Int. 1600, 4 spd., V8, \$1000; '75 Int. 1600, 5 spd., V8, \$1000. Mike Wall, Basile; (337) 432-6497.

1991 Ford F-350 XLT, 7.3 L diesel, extended cab, auto OD, excel. cond., \$147,800 miles, ranchers steel bed, dual rear tires, gooseneck hitch, \$7300. John Mailhes, Keithville; (318) 925-0898.

1996 Peterbilt, 63" standup sleeper, 12.7 Detroit, 470 hp, w/wet kit, \$18,000. Stoney Broussard, Gueydan; (337) 536-6720 or (337) 523-6738.

1976 Chevrolet truck, w/18'x8'x4' gooseneck hyd. dump grain trailer, \$9000. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

2002 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255 x 70-16 tires, 53,000 miles, bed liner & rails, \$11,900. Martin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865 or (337) 360-6075.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

30'x8' gooseneck, single axle, 20" tires, shop built, no title, \$1000. Gary Burks, Starks; (337) 743-5487.

16' Kema trailer, w/brakes, \$600. John Rosique, Port Barre; (337) 585-6687.

Turnbow, extra tall, custom made, steel 2-horse trailer, great cond., tack & dressing room, gooseneck, \$3000. Larry Moreau, Opelousas; (337) 948-1005.

Dog trailer, (8) compartment, new tires, good cond., hauls (16) dogs, \$600 obo. Sid Moreland, Minden; (318) 371-0747 or (318) 371-6799.

Gas generator, on trailer, 10kw, 4 cyl., Kohler, \$1500. Bill Miller, New Iberia; (337) 229-8447.

1984 Hillsboro 20'x7' gooseneck livestock trailer, alum. body, steel frame, 8000 lb. axles, 10-ply Michelin radial tires, new lights, \$3000. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

Ponderosa trailers, 16'x6'6"x6' bumper-pull, \$3588; 16'x6'6"x6' gooseneck, \$4388; 2-horse bumper pull, 10'x6'6"x6', \$3488. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

20' Bumper-pull, heavy-duty, flatbed trailer, (2) 6000 lb. axles, new oak floor, new paint & lights, 16" wheels, \$2000; 16' bumper-pull, flatbed, tandem axle, good cond., \$800. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 628-5361 or (985) 796-9538.

30-Yard steel dump trailer, new tires & brakes, \$8000. Stoney Broussard, Gueydan; (337) 536-6720 or (337) 523-6738.

(2) Horse-drawn passenger wagons, w/top & bench down each side, carries 20-25, \$2500-\$3500. G. Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

6'x14' Covered wagon, w/2' patio on back, 2-horse hitch, green carpet inside, hyd. brakes, new tires, very clean & nice, \$2000. Casey Fontenot, Washington; (337) 826-7066.

4'x6' All metal trailer, w/24" metal sides & lay-down gate, \$300. Ben Dupre, Sr., Opelousas; (337) 879-2822.

1982 40' Wilson steel hopper bottom & '73 core alum. hopper bottom grain trailers, \$3500/both. Tim Gautreau, New Iberia; (337) 365-7007.

1989 16' 2-horse gooseneck, red metal stock trailer, used for camping on trail rides, tack room, paneled & finished, \$3000. K. D. Garner, Dubach; (318) 255-3210 or (318) 243-6334.

5'x9' Trailer, sides & drive on back gate, \$350; 3-house trailer axles, complete set, springs & tires, \$295; headache rack, to fit short-wheel base full-size truck, \$75. Sidney Venable, Church Point; (337) 684-2544.

1994 Sooner alum. 3-horse gooseneck slant load, w/dressing room, cond. is just like of the showroom, \$10,500 firm. M. S. Hamilton, Vinton; (337) 589-2958.

Class C camper Special, sleeps 6, great for hunters or horsemen, low miles, newly remodeled, runs great, \$4200 nego. R. Romero, Abbeville; (337) 898-5890.

1996 Cherokee alum. bumper-pull, 3-horse, removable slants, front & rear tack, hay rack, rubber mats on floor & walls, escape door, \$7000. Brandon Hebert, Grand Chenier; (337) 538-2473.

1995 Chaparral gooseneck horse trailer, 16', good cond., \$1400 or trade for gaited horse. Sandra Craft, Florien; (318) 508-

1144 or (318) 586-7799.

24' WW gooseneck cattle trailer, metal top, 3-axles, w/brakes, good cond., \$3000. Ralph Robinson, Ida; (318) 284-3530.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

Gooseneck horse/wagon trailer, 24'x6'8", front 9' enclosed, will carry 3 horses, cabinets & bed in nose, back open for vehicles, back/side entry, elec. winch, \$5000. Gary Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

Wanted: used 6' wide or more, bumper-pull stock trailer, alum. or metal, less than 16', will pay cash or trade. Roger Ducote, Glynn; (225) 627-4881.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Cattle feeders, w/tops, 4x4, \$175; 4x6, \$200; 4x8, \$225; fence post, plastic, can be used for any type of fence, 3 ½"x6", \$1.5/1. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616.

Okra cutters, hand operated, \$130/1. Franklin Courvelle, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

30"x42" 2-tier rolling tool cart, \$40; air chisel, w/many attachments, \$40; heavy-duty buffer, w/pad, \$50; ¼" air drill, \$50; orbital sander, w/extra pad, \$40. Stefanie Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

Good Bosal, w/head stall, \$20; quick stock, w/head stall, \$20; alum. grazing bit, \$20; youth stirrups, w/leathers, hangs on saddle, \$20. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

Concrete building blocks, 16x12x8, \$1/1; 16x12x8, \$1.25/1; greenhouse benches, tables, 2"x4" or 2"x6", timber size 4'x8 ½', center truss, \$20/1. Jimmy Mullet, Covington; (985) 892-5132.

Plastic drums, closed top, 55-gal., wh., \$10/1. E. J. Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 95¢/ft.; new 8" PVC, 200', \$2/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

(4) Chicken houses, everything under shed, Lewis house keeper, \$7500; 150 KW Cat generator, \$9000; (5) 20K feed silos, \$300; (1) 28K feed silo, \$500. Claude Patterson, Spearsville; (318) 986-5104 or (318) 245-1804.

8-ton feed hopper, used on dairy farm, w/10 drops & all piping, very good cond., located in Bogalusa, \$800 firm. A. J. Planche, Jr., Marrero; (504) 347-2498 or (504) 452-3251.

Troy Bilt Bronco rear tire garden tiller, like new, \$350; Troy Bilt push-type leaf blower/vacuum & shredder, like new, \$350. U. L. Bordelon, Mansura; (318) 253-5190.

24" Culvert pipe, \$200; 36" culvert pipe, \$300, both pipes are 20'

long. Tom Fleming, Baton Rouge; (225) 405-0248.

Pea peeler machine, \$400; Dayton Shred-It machine, 4 hp, \$300. Tammy Loupe, Lockport; (985) 232-0339.

2000-gal. fuel tank, \$450; 4000-gal. fuel tank, \$595; 500-gal. fuel tank, \$350. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

Approx. (1700) nursery pots, 2-gal., very good cond, \$10/1. Stuart Burris, Frierson; (318) 797-0239.

Pipe beveling machine, C.R.C. brand 8"-14", \$125. R. Rice, Lewa; (318) 793-9484.

Fuel tank for culvert, \$150; band saw lumber, 30¢/board foot; amplifier for accordion or fiddle, \$125; creosote telephone poles, \$60/1; 50-gal. propane tank, \$100. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

SA 200 amp Lincoln welder, approx. '84-'85 model, w/elec. high-lo, on trailer, leads, new paint & tires, \$1850. Ronald Young, Lake Charles; (337) 309-1660.

Troy Bilt limb shedder, 8 hp, elec. start, heavy-duty, on wheels, like new, \$450; 110-gal. galv. tank, \$45; 300-gal. fuel tank, \$125. A. J. Bradley, Transylvania; (318/) 552-6265.

3-ton manual operation chain hoist, \$150; (2) used propane tanks, 150-gal. & 250-gal., \$50. Felix Goudeau, Jr., Melville; (337) 623-4710.

(8) 30"x3' tins of sheet, \$6/1. Joseph Clement, Iota; (337) 779-3394.

6V71 Detroit power unit, on skids, clutch & safety gauges, used on water well, \$1000. Mike Wall, Basile; (337) 432-6497.

(4) Hog self-feeders, each has 6-holes, approx. 500 lb. capacity, \$35/1 or \$120/all. Nelson Menard, Youngsville; (337) 856-8044

1998 TRX 300 EX Honda 4 wheeler, \$2000. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

55-gal. plastic drums, \$20/1; 2 7/8" drill pipe, 90¢/ft. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

18 Gauge panels & gates, all sizes; 10' feed troughs, \$105; hay rings, open bottoms, \$115; closed bottoms, \$130; Sweet Lix molasses tub, 200 lbs., \$45. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

Sausage stuffer, cast iron, hand crank, \$225 cash. Curtis Stelly, Fordoche; (225) 637-3375.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft.; 3 1/2" tubing, \$1.75/ft., small & larger sizes also avail. Terri Basseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

Banell saddle, blk., 14", w/accessories, like new, excel. cond., w/Martha Josie bridle & breast plate & blanket, \$375; horse washer rack, \$50. Michel Fox, New Iberia; (337) 369-8020.

Circle Y youth saddle, excel. cond., \$400. Nancy Dupont, New Orleans; (504) 782-6577.

Hay forks, \$299; automatic head gates, \$350; rd. pens, for horses, all sizes. \$650 & up. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

500-Gal. fuel tank, w/hand pump, \$450. Donald Bringol, Marksville; (318) 253-4400.

Portable milking machine, \$450. Linda Manuel, Jennings; (337) 824-8410 or (337) 842-6489.

276# Anvil, approx. 80 yrs., but

in good cond., likely a Fisher cast steel, \$500. Doug Luke, Folsom; (985) 796-0570.

Un-used Troxel Legacy Gold riding helmet, blk., med., \$30; Allflex handheld stock prod, \$15; quality English bits, jointed Kimberwick & dbl. twisted wire snaffle, \$15. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, all include 4' bow gate, 40' rd. pen, \$682; 50' rd. pen, \$835; 60' rd. pen, \$1039. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

15 1/2" Saddle, good leather, back girt, \$225. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

(2) 600-bushel grain tanks, w/unloading augers, \$1200; 500-gal. skid mounted fuel tank, \$300. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

2002 Welding machine, Lincoln Classic 1D, 200 amp Perkins diesel, 800 hrs., still under warranty, \$6500. John Wilkinson, Independence; (985) 507-5994 or (985) 878-9269.

Tube 10' gates, \$35/1; panel gates, \$25/1; Woods 5' finish mower, \$500. Roy Oalman, Covington; (985) 892-3523.

Western saddle, synthetic 16" Wintec, blk., lightweight for trail riding, good cond., \$125. H. Stephenson, Bueche; (225) 627-4348.

Diamond plated alum. dbl. door, dog box, w/handle rail around top, manufactured by UWS, excel. cond., \$300. M. Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

Calf squeeze chute, on wheels, \$400; 14" saddle reconditioned,

\$125. Miles McNeely, Hornbeck; (318) 565-4060.

Paul livestock scale, new, model 240S, 2400 lb. capacity, 35"x95" platform, \$1900. John Mailhes, Keithville; (318) 925-0898.

Wanted: general shop equipment, jeweler's tools & supplies. Greg DeKeyser, New Iberia; (337) 367-0214 or (337) 519-1914.

Wanted: fruit & vegetable processing machine, series 2450, Tew mfg. corp. Louis Thibodeaux, Thibodaux; (985) 447-9407.

Wanted: metal fence post. Leonard Ducote, Bunkie; (318) 346-6223.

Wanted: vented gas space heater, farm bldg. or single room size. J. Navratilova, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-7992.

Wanted: bricks, red, solid, Alexandria area. Sarah Wells, Pollock; (318) 640-3568.

Wanted: old gristmill or old millstones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL; raleaves@email.com or (334) 289-8906.

Wanted: fiberglass wh. elec. fence post, used, in good cond. Tammy Loupe, Lockport; (985) 232-0339.

FROM THE FARM

All natural, old time, home ground, commmeal or yellow grits, nothing added or removed, ground fresh when ordered, \$4.5/5 lbs. A. Miller, Sunset; (337) 662-5456.

Soybean candles, 95% soot free, can be used as a warm body lotion,

supports the American farmer, 8 oz., \$8/1. Karen or Hank Schumacher, Husser; (985) 747-1239.

7' Barbecue pit, on wheels, w/2-doors & 4' slide out trays, \$1500. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

Goat milk soap, natural & good for your skin, no petroleum or artificial ingredients, various scents, \$4/1. Melanie Blackmer, Lake Charles; Pdavenp913@aol.com or (337) 478-2208.

1955 Coke box, chain type, for 6 oz. bottles, needs paint job, \$600. Clement Lejeune, Lake Charles; (337) 783-3584 or (337) 478-6085.

Wanted: cast iron Dutch ovens & skillets, for kid's camp, any cond. J. Navratilova, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-7992.

Wanted: old sugar or syrup kettles, any size. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

Wanted: old coke machines or signs. Kathy, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

The Baton Rouge Bird Society is hosting a bird fair Feb. 19-20 at the Fraternal Order of Police hall on Greenwell Springs Rd. in Baton Rouge.

Daily hours of the fair are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, contact Jesse or Kathy Erwin at (225) 926-5547.

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can apply for master falconer status.

Buddy is currently training two red-tailed hawks. The red-tail is fairly common in Louisiana and is often seen soaring over pastures or perched on power lines along an empty field during the fall and winter months. The red-tail hawk is a solitary hunter.

He opens the narrow door to a green garden-shed looking building called a mew to reveal two recently trapped red-tailed hawks. The mew, a stable for the hawks, is a series of narrow locker-sized perches separated with plywood. It resembles a confessional. A carved wooden plaque proclaims the building as the realm of the "Hawkman." Normally he would keep them tethered on the high perches, but has them indoors because of cold and wet weather. He coaxes one of the birds onto his gloved hand.

"Here, girl. Come on. That's it," he coos. The big bird jumps to his glove. Attached to her legs are two leather cuffs with grommets. A lightweight strip of leather passes through the grommet hole to complete a tether-like apparatus called a jess. Buddy places a swivel ring around the jess to get a firm grip on the bird's legs. The swivel keeps the jess from tangling. After positioning himself in his front yard, he

removes the swivel and gently throws the bird into the air. It soars to a nearby pecan tree, about 20 feet up.

He retrieves a piece of raw meat from his hunting vest and gives a quick low whistle while he lifts his glove-covered hand enticing the bird to come. Effortlessly, the bird glides down to his hand and is rewarded a meaty treat. Buddy encourages and praises the hawk much like a dog trainer would do.

"That's my girl. Good girl," he praises.

He's looking directly into the bird's eyes as it perches on his gloved hand. With his bare hand he's stroking the bird's chest feathers.

"That's a girl." As he admires the bird at close quarters, Buddy's Roman nose and straight combed-back silver hair creates a human hawk-like impression.

"Here you go," he says as he allows the red-tail to fly off to the tree again.

"You have to teach them to follow you," he says as he walks a few feet away from the bird. Once again, he lets out a short whistle and the bird instantaneously returns to his glove and another treat. Buddy flies her to another tree and he walks away, but this time he just calls, "Come on, girl," and the bird follows.

During a hunt, Buddy would attach small bells to the bird's legs so he can track its movements in the wild. Buddy would then beat the bushes to drum up prey. When the hawk sees movement, it pounces.

Buddy is very pleased with the bird's workout.

"I only trapped this bird two weeks ago," he says, his bare head and eyes only a few inches away from the hawk's flesh-tearing beak. He notices a speck of meat on his bare hand.

"You want that? You see that little piece?" he asks the bird. He holds his naked hand up. "Go ahead, get it," he commands, and the hawk deftly uses its pointed bill to snatch the bit of red meat from the bare skin.

Satisfied with her training session he pronounces, "She's doing very well."

Buddy says nearly 70 percent of the wild hawks do not survive their first year in the wild.

"Scarce food and obstacles," he says. "A hawk could be chasing a rabbit and not notice the barbed wire in its path. And they get diseases and get sick."

To illustrate nature's dangers he points to the red-tail's crooked left foot.

"I think this one must have had a broken leg in the nest, but it

healed," he says. "And look at her beak. It's got a little peel there."

Before he puts the hawk back into the mew he weighs her on a digital scale. The weight of the bird is very important for hunting. Too heavy and well fed, that bird won't hunt. He also monitors the food, weather conditions and sometimes makes an occasional comment about the bird's temperament.

Weight monitoring is also essential in training the bird to accept the human as the food source.

"I weigh her every day and offer her food," he says. "As her weight comes down she'll come to my hand and take the food. That's when you got it."

Even with the constant devotion to his birds, Buddy still finds time to entertain his other passion, a hot-rod 1966 Chevy Nova.

"I'm going to give this thing a new paint job this spring," he says. "I'll take her out to the track later."

Although Buddy has apprenticed many young hawkers and introduced them to the sport, he stresses the high level of commitment to the birds.

"I showed a lot of folks how to do it. I've had a lot of apprentices," he says. "But I tell them it's a seven-day-a-week deal. You got to be devoted."

After I see the way the raptors

respond to Buddy, and more importantly, the way Buddy cooed and gentled and responded to his birds, I'd say Buddy is a dutiful and dedicated hawker.

Buddy can take his place among the royal falconers any day.

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groups, like the catfish farmers or crawfish promotion and research board, to prepare food for a special event. The companies then get publicity in local media and at the event for their participation. Some of these events include the LSU recruitment bash in Baton Rouge, the State Fair of Louisiana in Shreveport, Ag Day in Baton Rouge and the Ag Expo in Monroe.

For more information about any of these promotional events, contact LDAF Director of Market Development Roy Johnson at (225) 922-1280.

Coming Your Way

A Parelli Natural Horsemanship Clinic will be held Feb. 24-28 at the new Florida Parishes Arena in Amite.

Level one and level two clinics are open for registration for riders and auditors. Members of 4-H may audit for free with their leader.

For more information, contact Barri King at (985) 796-3625 or polo@acadiacom.net.

A four-day trail ride will begin at 8 a.m. each day March 2-5 near Oberlin.

The clovenleaf ride will cover 13 to 20 miles each day. Wagons and riders may participate. Camping room is available.

For more information, contact Ben Baggett at (800) 637-2086 or (337) 639-2086.

Livingston Horse Show Association has shows scheduled for 9 a.m. March 5 and 26.

Age groups include peanut, pee-wee, junior and senior. Classes include halter, performance, English and gaited, timed events and novice.

For more information, contact Deloris Senz at (225) 664-3150 or Wanda Johnson at (225) 664-3169.

North Louisiana Poultry Club is hosting an open show and junior show March 12 at the fairgrounds in Haynesville.

The show will feature large fowl and bantams.

For more information, contact Jerry McCarty at (318) 949-0027.

Louisiana Angus Association is holding a female sale at noon March 12 at the LSU AgCenter's Dean Lee Research Center in Lecompte.

Sixty lots of black Angus open and bred heifers, cow/calf pairs, and three-in-one packages available.

For more information, contact American Livestock Brokers at (662) 837-4904, alb@dixie-net.com or www.americanlivestockbrokers.com.

Calcasieu Horseman's Club will host open horse shows March 12 and April 23 at the Burton Arena in Lake Charles.

The shows are PAC approved and feature four age divisions and classes for special needs riders.

Classes include halter, color, showmanship, leadline, Western and English disciplines, reining and speed events.

Seven additional shows are planned for the remainder of the year.

For more information, contact (337) 528-9441 or (337) 794-0662.

Louisiana American Saddlebred Horse Association is hosting a spring horse show March 19-20 in Folsom.

The two-day show will feature classes for Saddlebred horses and open classes for other breeds and disciplines.

For more information, contact Barbara Grannan at (985) 893-1880 or visit the Web site www.lasha.org.

High Delta Exotic Game Ranch will have an exotic animal sale at noon March 19 in Delhi.

The auction will be live and on video. Transportation services will be available to buyers and sellers who do not have adequate vehicles to transport animals.

For more information, contact Jeffery Swank at swankj@aol.com, (318) 878-9708 or (850) 519-1129.

Louisiana Bull Testing Association and the LSU AgCenter are hosting the 44th Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale at noon March 19 at the Dean Lee Research Station in Lecompte.

The bulls will be performance evaluated and screened. About 25-35 bulls of several breeds, yearlings and a few older bulls, will be available.

Jack Dillard is the scheduled auctioneer.

For more information, contact Danny F. Coombs at (318) 473-6528.

A Louisiana Hayride competitive trail ride is scheduled for April 9-10 in the Kisatchie National Forest near Melder.

The timed distance trail ride is sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference and will have horsemanship and veterinary judging open to all breeds.

Novice riders will cover a maximum of 40 miles during the two days and open riders will cover a maximum of 60 miles. Their is a 60-rider limit for the competition.

For more information, contact Grace Simcoe at (225) 654-0864 or GSimcoe@aol.com.

Louisiana Tech University's farm production sale will be held at 1 p.m. May 7 in Ruston.

Animals available include horses, heifers, steers, hogs and lambs.

A Web site has been set up for the sale at www.livestocksale.latech.edu.

For more information, contact Dr. Gary Kennedy at (318) 257-3275.



Lauri Hopwood looks up at the canopy of branches that, when covered with leaves during the spring and summer, provide shade for her children's playground. This 8-year-old river birch is about 20 feet tall. Lauri purchased the tree during the LDAF annual shade tree seedling sale.

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"Those four river birches by the house were trees we bought at the store," Lauri says. "We bought big ones. Those were the ones we took care of and watered. They have been growing for eight years."

Lauri then points to the 20-foot river birches near the sand lot playground.

"These are the trees we just stuck in the ground and left alone," she says. "They're four years old."

"When Mama said they had river birches in those packs, we got some of them. We have one in the back that's just huge."

Lauri and her mother walk to the back of her property and look up at a stunning 40-foot river birch with a 12-inch trunk diameter.

"The pond here overflows its bank right here," she said. "I guess it's the dampness that the tree likes. It's really a beautiful tree."

News of the success of Lauri and Patsy's trees has spread to Lane Memorial Hospital, where Lauri worked as a nurse for 15 years.

"I was talking to Mama on the phone about the seedling sale and my coworkers heard me," Lauri said. "And they said, 'Where does your Mama get those trees?' I told them she gets them at the forestry office in Clinton."

Every year Patsy finds herself buying more and more seedling packets for her use, and for Lauri, friends and coworkers.

"I buy about 20 packs a year," Patsy says.

Twenty packs translate into 120 trees.

So as another adage says, "The family tree may bend, but it never breaks," Patsy will continue to spread the gospel of tree planting to her children and grandchildren for years to come because a "single tree cannot a forest make."

This year the seedling sale runs from Feb. 28 to March 4 at LDAF locations in Baton Rouge, Clinton, DeRidder, Hammond, Franklinton, Mandeville, Haughton, Monroe, Natchitoches, New Orleans, Oberlin, Olla and Woodworth. In Lafayette the sale is Feb. 24-March 5.

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"If you just work with the bird halfway and keep it as a pet, feed it and let it go after six months, that bird is going to die because it has relied on you to be its food source," Martin said.

After the applicant has acquired enough information on the subject of raptors, he must then pass a state-administered written examination on bird care and biology. After passing the test, the applicant is allowed to apply for a game breeder's license.

The next step is building the housing facilities for the bird and obtaining other special equipment. The facility must pass a state inspection, after which the applicant is allowed to apply for a federal permit. All of these steps must be completed before one is allowed to trap a hawk.

The apprentice hawk is only allowed to have one bird, a red-tail hawk, red-shoulder hawk or a kestrel, in his care. Most beginners prefer the red-tail or red-shoulder because they can hunt the larger mammals like rabbits or squirrels. Although the kestrel is a true falcon, it is smaller than the hawk and generally prefers smaller prey.

Trapping is done between October 1 and February 26, but is best after a few cold fronts have pushed the migratory hawks to the south. The apprentice continues to work

with the sponsor for two years before being allowed to upgrade permit status to that of the general falconry level.

The general falconry status allows the hawk opportunity to obtain other bird species and train other apprentices.

The apprentice is only allowed to hunt one bird at a time, the general falconer, two.

The thrill of the hunt is the real reason why falconers get into the sport.

Steve Erskine, a falconer from White Castle,

wrote about hawking in the 2002 November/December issue of the

Louisiana Conservationist.

"The reason that falconers love to hunt with birds of prey is not to provide a freezer full of food,"

Erskine wrote. "The real joy is watching the breathtaking and majestic flight of these birds."

Martin said the hawk doesn't do much work during the hunt.

"Basically the hawk allows the human to assist it to fulfill its primary purpose," Martin said, "Which is to hunt and eat."

Veteran hawk and wildlife rehabilitator Clarence Abadie Jr. of Tickfaw agrees with Martin about hunting with

hawks.

"You're just walking with the hawk through the woods," Abadie said. "You've become the dog."

After five years as a general falconer, the hawk can apply for a master falconry permit which allows hunting with three birds.

To hunt with three birds, the hawk generally chooses to use the Harris' hawk, a breed that is found primarily in the Arizona desert. Falconers like working with the Harris' hawk because it hunts in a family group as it surrounds the prey.

Permit holders must maintain their permits from year to year and follow all hunting regulations, including seasonal and bag limits.

To help people new to the sport learn about falconry and raptors, Abadie and fellow hawk Kent Theriot of Reserve have produced a video called "The Complete Apprentice."

"It's an introduction to falconry," Abadie said. "It shows what is required to get licensed and also features what kind of facility and equipment is necessary."

Abadie said more instructional videos are planned. The video can be purchased by calling Spanga Productions at (225)-294-2453 or www.falconryandhawking.com.



Photo by Terry Trepagnier

Clarence Abadie Jr., a general falconer and wildlife rehabilitator from Tickfaw, recently trapped a partial albino red-tail hawk near Lake Maurepas. Without natural coloring for camouflage, Abadie said the white bird would have little chance of survival in the wild.

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The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson



THE FAMILY TREE

One Louisiana family plants shade tree seedlings to beautify their land and remember a loved one.

By Sam Irwin

An old Chinese proverb says that one generation plants the trees under which another takes its ease.

If that's the case, children born in 1976 should be reclining in shaded splendor because that's how long the annual Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Shade Tree Seedling Sale has been taking place.

Since that time, nearly a million hardwood and pine seedlings have been distributed to the public at bargain basement prices.

When would-be urban subdivision foresters and first-time home owners dream of planting their new landscapes with beautiful shade trees and make an investment in a seedling packet, they are often discouraged at the sight of the seedlings. At first glance the trees bear a distinct resemblance to a bundle of kindling twigs better suited for the fireplace.

"Wives read about the seedling sale and send their husbands over to the department to pick up a packet or two," says LDAF Reforestation Chief Charlie Matherne. "The husbands see the packs and say 'These are just sticks.'"

"But those husbands go home and plant those sticks and they come back and tell me those sticks have grown into beautiful trees," Matherne laughed.

Matherne estimates 75 to 80 percent of the seedlings reach maturity and thrive which means there are about 800,000 viable new trees purifying the urban air and creating oxygen for all of us.

The very act of planting the seedlings exemplifies another homespun platitude: "He who plants a tree plants hope."

And hope springs eternal for Patsy Adams of Zachary. She has been purchasing and planting the seedling packets for more than 20 years, first at her Clinton home and now at her new house in Plains near Zachary.

She has a very personal reason for planting the trees.

"I lost my son, Bryan, in a car wreck 20 years ago," Patsy says. "He

was involved in a Future Farmers of America forestry contest. He helped me plant most of the trees at our old house."

After the accident, Patsy continued to plant the seedlings in remembrance and honor of her son.

Her Clinton home plantings have now all matured, "But I got a chance to enjoy the shade those trees made."

She has been in her new home in Plains for five years, but she looks at the five-acre plot as simply a new challenge and another area to landscape with shade trees. She's constantly amazed at how the tiny LDAF seedlings outperform store-bought potted trees many times larger.

Patsy points to an LDAF red maple she planted five years ago as a 12-inch seedling when she first moved into her new house. The tree is winter-bare, but is a good 15-foot tall. It's almost twice as large as an expensive potted tree she planted in the same time frame.

"You plant them and the roots can get into the real native soil," Patsy observes. "The other tree seemed like it stopped for a while when its roots reached the soil beyond the pot."

Matherne agrees with Patsy's assessment.

"Our seedlings are coddled for a year before they're harvested," he says. "We give them a lot of tender

loving care, and a lot of fertilizer and water."

The seeds come from Louisiana trees so they are better suited to the climate. Often the seed stock comes from superior trees that have been grafted in order to perpetuate the best genetic traits. The seedlings are grown in Louisiana soil at state nurseries in Monroe, DeRidder and Columbia.

"Sometimes the store-bought trees are root bound and receive a shock when their roots hit the regular soil," Matherne says.

But like the unknown philosopher who said, "A single tree can not make a forest," Patsy has become a one-woman marketing force for the seedling sale.

After planting her own 10-acre plot in Clinton, Patsy started purchasing seedlings for her daughter and son-in-

law, Lauri and Mike Hopwood, who built a new home on five acres of land in Plains.

"The property was what people here called the Pecan Orchard," Lauri says.

A lot of the old pecan trees died or were blown down by storms creating a perfect milieu for Patsy and Lauri to populate with Louisiana hardwoods.

As Lauri tours her five-acre spread with her mother, she nimbly sidesteps what seems to be hundreds of children's outdoor toys in the backyard. By the looks of the yard there must be an entire tribe of children who live there, but Lauri says there are only three.

"A ten-year-old, a six-year-old and a two-year-old," Lauri says.

She points to a group of 10-foot-high river birches near the house.

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Lauri Hopwood stands near a 15-foot pine tree she planted as a 12-inch seedling eight years ago (clockwise from top left). Hopwood's 40-foot river birch, grown from a seedling, sends its winter branches skyward. Patsy Adams' red maple is 5 years old. The seedlings were all bought during the LDAF annual shade tree seedling sale.

LDAF Shade Tree Seedling Sale

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